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ROUTINE

TO FOR ACTION: MIDEAST FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS

FOR INFO : BEMA TRIPAREA, BEMA CYRENAREA

REF NO : FX 68784

SIGNED : SACMED CITE: FHGEG

Jews and Arabs arriving Nov 15 is subject.

Your letter 11567/724/CA Dec 6 received.
 Officer signing LAISSER-PASSEZ was Security Officer; signing
 at date without reference was irregular and regretted. Please
 now read AFHQ AG 371.2/179 GBI-0 Nov 18 which removes our
 control travel.

Suggest provisions your 11286/557/CA May 26
 now be subject arrangement with French Authorities.

ORIGINATOR : G-5

AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, MAJOR

INFORMATION: G-2
 G-1(B)
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FROM: SHAEF MAIN SIGNED EISENHOWER

TO: ACTION COMZONE FOR G5 INFORMATION CENTRAL DISTRICT UK
BASE FOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF CG SOLOCC AFHQ

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: S70454, 12 December 1944

Cite SHGE.

The subject is cable No. FX 63013.

Your comments requested concerning ability to move
the 8000 Hungarian Jews referred to from SWITZERLAND to
vicinity MARSEILLES, bearing in mind any previous commitments
already authorized.

FX 63013 IS MC OUT 1432 4/12/44 G-5

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INFO:	SGS	CAO
	M&TN	UNRRA
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	G-1(B)	MHQ BALKANS
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8 December 1944.

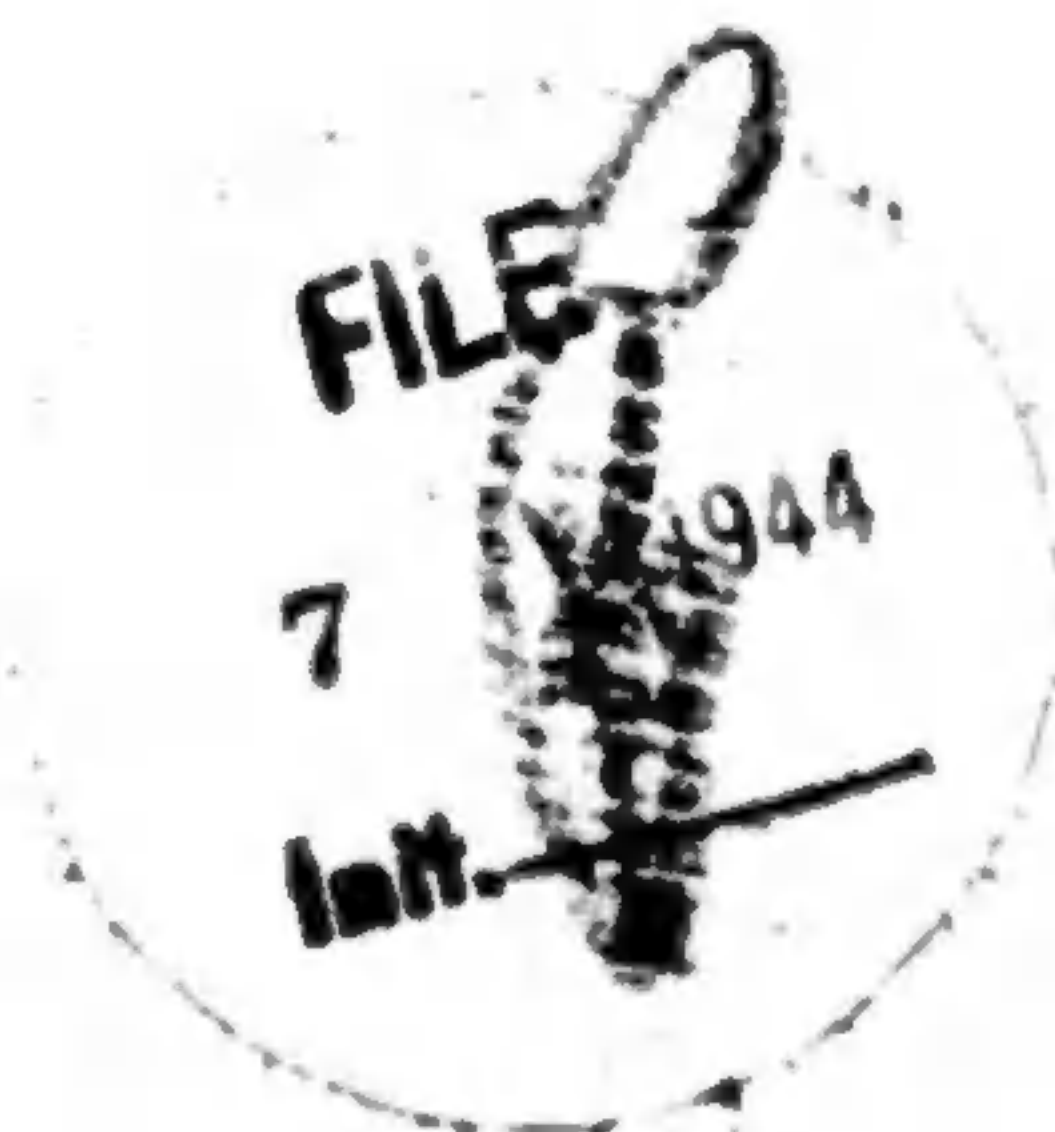
SUBJECT: Possibility of affording Temporary accommodation
at Philippeville for a small number of Jewish
migrants from the Balkans.

TO : Office of the British Resident Minister.

1. Re letter 35/0/3 dated 30 November 1944.
2. Answering your query concerning the migrants
under consideration, if conditions mentioned in con-
cluding paragraph of referenced letter are all met such
migrants may be accommodated at the Displaced Persons
Camp at Philippeville.
3. The UNRRA Deputy Director General for Displaced
Persons was present at a meeting where the subject was
discussed. Both he and the UNRRA Liaison Officer to
A.F.H.Q. expressed readiness on behalf of UNRRA — pro-
vided the aforementioned conditions be met — to receive
the subject migrants.
4. This Section would be glad to know the views of
the appropriate French authorities when received.

For the Acting Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

W
S. D. WEISSBUCH,
Lt. Comdr., USNR.



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General

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OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT MINISTER
CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN,

A.F.H.Q.

30th November, 1944.

To: G-5.
Refugees and Displaced Persons Section.

From: Mr. Philip Broad
Acting for Resident Minister.

Subject: Possibility of affording Temporary accommodation
at Philippeville for a small number of Jewish
migrants from the Balkans.

When Roumania and Bulgaria were still under enemy control an arrangement was made whereby the Passport Control Officer, Istanbul, might grant visas for Palestine to all Jewish refugees who should succeed in reaching Turkey in their flight from Nazi persecution. At the same time, H.M. Government guaranteed to the Turkish Government to find destinations beyond Turkey for all such refugees so that there would be no risk of their remaining in Turkey.

Since Roumania and Bulgaria have been conquered and the Jews there are no longer in imminent danger, the above-mentioned arrangement for granting visas for Palestine has been annulled and a system of control introduced whereby persons in Roumania and Bulgaria who wish to enter Palestine must obtain visas from the British political representatives at Bucharest and Sofia respectively. It is thus hoped that very few persons of the kind mentioned would arrive at Istanbul without the necessary visas enabling them to proceed to Palestine. At the same time, in order to prevent persons without the necessary visas from being turned back by the Turkish authorities and exposed to hardship and possible danger, the guarantee mentioned in paragraph 1 is being maintained for the present.

H.M. Government are therefore obliged to find destinations for the few Jewish migrants who may reach Turkey without being able to

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proceed to Palestine. The Foreign Office would be very glad to know whether, provided the United States Government and U.N.R.R.A. agree, such migrants might be accommodated at the refugee centre at Philippeville. H.M. Ambassador is ascertaining from the appropriate French authorities whether they, for their part, agree with this project.

Philip Brown

Answer yes —

agreed by

Cochran

Fred Hoehle

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ROUTINE

TO FOR ACTION : MIDEAST
 FOR INFORMATION : BEMA TRIPAREA
 REF NO : FX 55357
 SIGNED : SACMED CITE: FHGEG

Reur OET 61885 of 18 November.

Party 85 Jewish and 20 Arab repatriates
 arriving TRIPOLI November 15 is subject.

Signal not understood. Did party in
 question arrive per SS ABAZZIA. If not give details
 enable us to trace and stop irregularities causing complaint.
 Assure you every effort made comply your requirements letter
 No. 11286/557/CA of 26 May.

ORIGINATOR : G-5 AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, MAJ
 INFORMATION : SGS
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 US POLAD
 MR MACMILLAN

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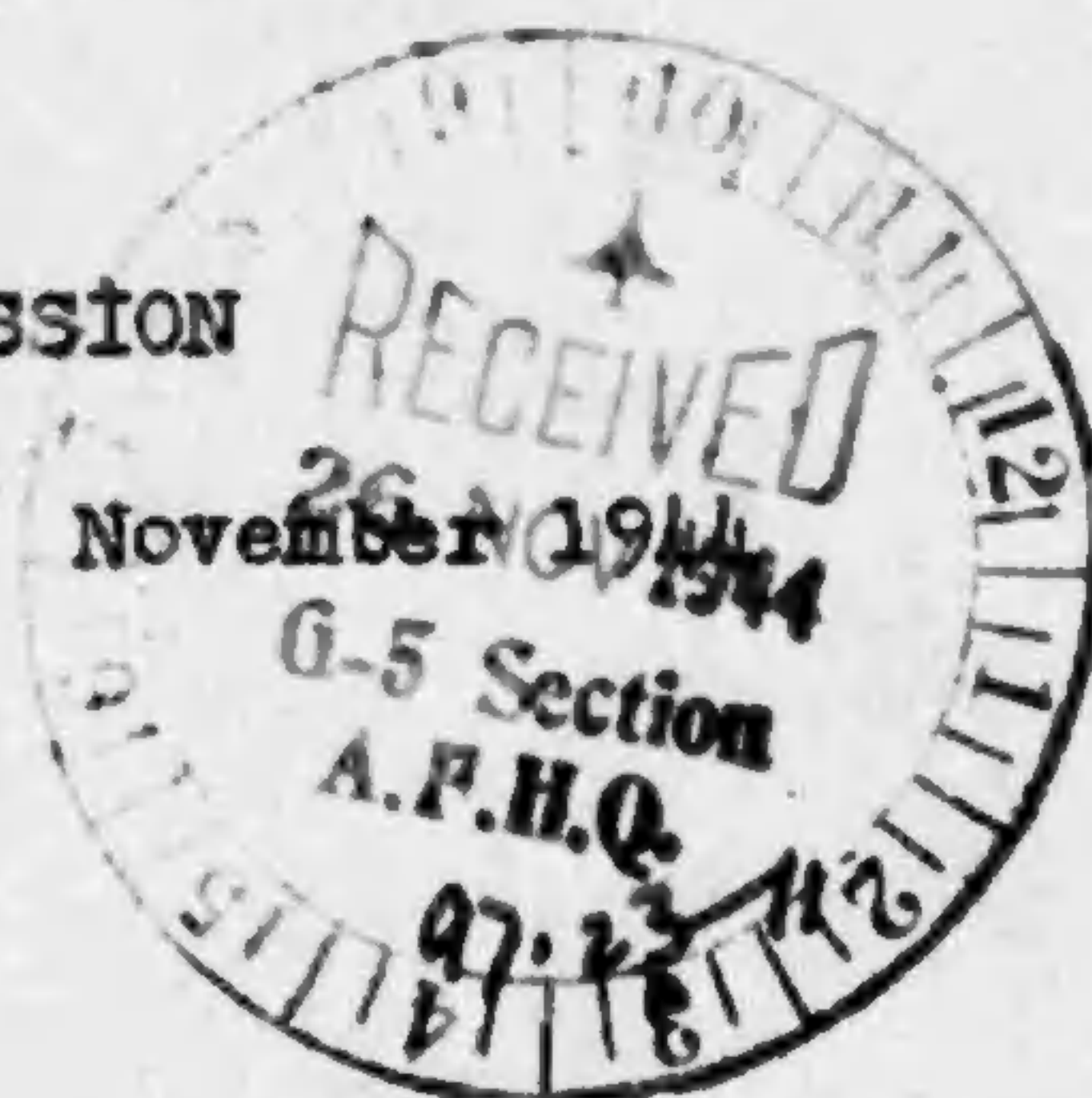
Tel. 489081 Ext. 392

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November 1944

SUBJECT : Evacuation of Jews to Palestine.

TO : G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q. ✓



1. Reference your letter 383.7-5 dated 10 November 1944.

2. The suggestions put forward by 1st Lieut. Di Tommaso are extremely helpful. With certain additions and modifications it is considered that they should be used as the basis of a standing instruction to be issued for this move and any subsequent move to Palestine.

3. The following comments are made :-

Para 3 (a) Two to three days prior to the arrival of screening personnel is considered long enough.

Para 3 (b) Groups to be organised by camps or locations from which refugees have come rather than by languages. Interpreters to be nominated from groups or elsewhere.

Para 3 (d) Issue cards on second day after arrival. Names of rest of party not feasible, names of family possible.

Para 3 (e) Extremely important. An information Office should be set up at which all information available. This information to be supplied by various departments dealing with the move.

Para 3 (j) Index card, identity tags and baggage labels to be issued on second day after arrival.

4. Nominal rolls of those agreed to by British Embassy to be available at camp prior to arrival of refugees.

5. Each interview room to have nominal roll against which to check all refugees dealt with.

For the Director:

C.F. Fothergill
C.F. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Colonel
Deputy Director.

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Forward Counter Intelligence
Office of the A. C. of S., G-2
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B-389.506/72 Adv.

3 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Jews to Palestine.

TO : G-2 (C.I.) Section,
A.F.H.Q.,
C.M.F.

1. The following points may be of assistance in co-ordinating the various processes through which Jewish refugees have to pass before evacuation from the theatre.

2. Some of the difficulties experienced on a previous occasion were due to the fact that the various departments concerned and the refugees themselves all arrived at about the same time. Each department had a different job to do and they all started to organise their own section independently. No accomodation had been provided for the various people who required to interview the refugees. The Jews were not grouped according to race or language and were all mixed up and had it not been for the fact that the various representatives were all extremely co-operative and hard working it would not have been possible to straighten out the chaos. ? nationality

3. Given below are certain recommendations which would facilitate the handling of this problem.

- a) A collection point should be chosen as near as possible to the port of embarkation and the refugees should be installed there in manageable groups a week before the arrival of the screening personnel. When a thousand people descend on a camp in one lot without proper arrangements having been made to receive them, it is obvious that everything breaks down. If they are there a week in advance all the ration, accomodation and baggage difficulties will have been overcome.

AC say 2 or 3 days

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- b) The refugees should be organised into small groups of about 20 persons, one of whom would be elected group spokesman. The grouping should be on the basis of family, of association over a long period in any one concentration camp and nationality and language should be taken into consideration. This would prevent the interrogators being faced with interviews succeeding each other in different languages.
- c) Information about the language groups should be supplied to G-2 C.I. in advance so that appropriate personnel can be chosen.
- d) Each refugee should be provided with a card to be attached to his person. On this card the group letter would appear with his group number and his name, location in camp and, preferably, the names of the rest of the party. On the reverse side of the card would be printed "Disinfestation Person" - "Disinfestation Baggage" - "Medical Examination" - "Nominal roll" - "Finance Dept." - "Security Control" with a space left beside each for the signature of the officer carrying out the duty.
- e) A mimeograph sheet of instructions, explaining all the processes to be passed should be given to each group head. Each department concerned would contribute a paragraph to this sheet outlining its requirements.
- f) The group leader would also obtain on demand receipt forms covering the currency to be deposited and would distribute these to the members of his group.
- g) A card index would be compiled by the officer charged with production of the final nominal roll. This would be on the same lines as the identity tag carried by each refugee and would show their clearance through each control.

AC comment.

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from which recd.
rather than languages.

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important.
adds "Info. Bureau"

- h) Displaced persons registration forms should be completed for each refugee showing complete chronological history since 1939. These should be placed in an alphabetical index and given to the Security control officers.
- i) Labels should be issued to the group leaders to be given to the refugees. These would show name, number of parcels, group No. and have a space to indicate that disinfection has been carried out. These would be fixed to all refugee baggage.
- j) Procedure should be that on arrival in camp nominal roll officers would issue index card, identity tag and baggage labels. When the refugees are installed they would pass through personal disinfection, baggage disinfection (the baggage would also be kept carefully in groups) and medical examination.
In the meantime a series of interview rooms would be arranged on the lines of Customs, Immigration, Security in U.K. and they would pass through Finance and Security controls finishing finally at the nominal roll desk. Their cards and identity tags would have been countersigned by each control and the cards would be put back into the alphabetical register thus forming the nominal roll which would then be run off on the mimeograph. Sufficient time should be allowed for all this work to be completed a few days before embarkation date.
- 10 k) One person should be in charge of the whole operation and should give instructions to the group leaders on all points. He should be responsible for settling queries, arranging the time tables for the movements of each group from the time of entry into the camp to embarkation on the ship and should co-ordinate the work of the different departments.

4. It is hoped that the above suggestions will be of use.

/s/ A.L.Di Tommaso, 1st Lt
Inf.

for Captain, C.S.
Forward C.I.

AC says
issue these cards
etc 2nd day after
arrival.

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R O U T I N E

FROM: MIDEAST

TO : AFHQ, INFORMATION JOINT HQ AC AND AMQ BEMA TRIPAREA

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: OET 61885

18 November 1944

1. BEMA TRIPAREA report that party 85 Jewish and 20 Arab repatriates to TRIPOLITANIA and CYRANICA arrived TRIPOLI from ALGIERS and TUNIS on 15 November. All held travel documents issued by you dated early October but 19 only possessed permits authorized by BMAS. No notification or request to repatriate remainder had been received by administrations although issue dates of travel documents provided ample opportunity for procedure requested in my letter No 11286/557/CA of 26 May.

2. Territories have this time accepted repatriates but future unauthorized parties will be rejected at frontier. Appreciate your cooperation to ensure correct procedure since it is impossible for territories to accept repatriates without opportunity for verification of domicile and security checking.

ACTION: G-5

INFORMATION: SGS
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Evacuation of Jews to Palestine

1 G-5 SCS 16 Nov
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1. Please see attached from Br. Res.
Min. Office.

2. The view of this Section is that
Mr. Nahon should be permitted to enter for the
purpose described.

3. Do you agree?

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

W. Drifffield-White
W. DRIFFFIELD-WHITE
Major.

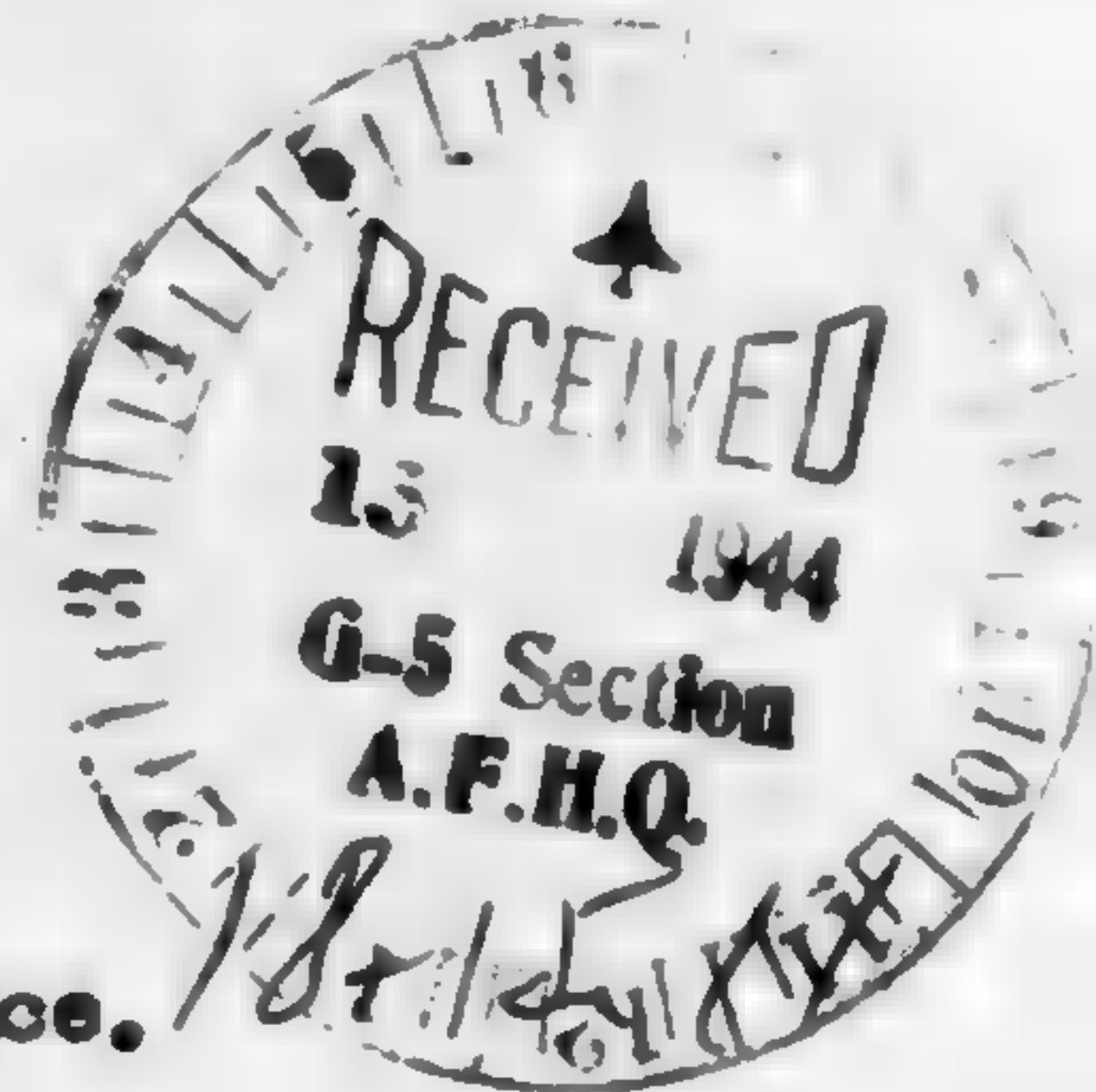
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Office of the British Resident Minister
Central Mediterranean.

35/150/2.



To: G-5

From: Resident Minister's Office.

We have received a telegram from the Foreign Office stating that the Jewish Agency has asked the Colonial Office that Ariomone Nahon should proceed to Italy to select candidates from amongst Jewish refugees for immigration to Palestine. The Colonial Office support this request and ask that his visit be allowed. The Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees welcome Nahon's attachment to them on the condition that his functions would only be to choose suitable immigrants in co-operation with the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, or other appropriate authorities and to arrange for their movement to Palestine. It is of course understood that no political activity would be undertaken by him. The War Office and Foreign Office agree that Nahon should proceed to Italy provided he confines his activities to his assigned task.

2. Nahon is a British subject by birth who has lived all his life in Leghorn; he has recently been in Palestine.

3. I would be grateful if you could give me your views on this matter as soon as possible.

Na.

15th November 1944.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.7-5

15 November 1944

SUBJECT: Immigration to Palestine.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission, APO 394

1. Reference is made to this HQ letter G-5 383.7-5 of 3 June 1944 and enclosures.

2. The Government of Palestine has now suggested the British Resident Minister at AFHQ that the persons named in the enclosures above mentioned should be advised to apply to the Jewish Agency, Jerusalem which now has the disposal of immigration certificates.

3. Whilst in the past the Government of Palestine has granted immigration certificates to members of H.M. Forces in respect of wives and minor children only, there is reason to think that the Jewish Agency is prepared to give sympathetic consideration to applications submitted by members of H.M. Forces in respect of relatives other than those enumerated.

WDR
W. DRIFFIELD-WHITE
Major.

Copy to:- HQ. A.A.I.
British Resident Minister (Ref. 35/150/2)
U. S. Political Adviser



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GOVERNMENT OF PALESTINE.

Chief Secretary's Office,

Jerusalem.

I/66/44

30th October, 1944.

Dear Office,

Please refer to your letter 35/150/2 (W/9289/15/48) of the 4th June, 1944, to the Refugee Department of the Foreign Office on the subject of applications for immigration certificates to Palestine made by certain members of the 650 General Transport Company of the Royal Army Service Corps on behalf of relatives residing in Hungary and Rumania.

2. The Government of Palestine has in the past granted immigration certificates to members of His Majesty's Forces for their wives and minor children only. We suggest that the persons named in the enclosure to your letter should be advised to apply to the Jewish Agency, Jerusalem, since the bulk of immigration certificates outstanding has been placed at its disposal. We have reason to think that the Jewish Agency is prepared to give sympathetic consideration to applications submitted by members of His Majesty's Forces.

Yours ever,

JERUSALEM SECRETARIAT.

Office of the British Minister Resident,
Allied Force Headquarters,
5, Rue Professeur Curtillet,
Algiers.

G-5 383.7-5

10 Nov 44
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Evacuation of Jews to Palestine

1 G-5 G-2 C.I. 10 Nov
Attn: 44.
Col. Green.

1. It is agreed that the general principles of firm organization in advance of evacuation of Jews to Palestine, as set forth in Memorandum prepared by 1st Lt. Di Tommaso on 3rd November, should be adopted.

2. Unquestionably, certain details indicated in the Memorandum will require change.

3. We have passed the Memorandum on to Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission of AC, together with information contained on your informal routing slip. (GHI.389.506/80-X).

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

MS
S.A. GOLDSMITH
Lt. Colonel, GSC.

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Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2

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FILE: GBI. 389.506/80-K.

DATE: 8 Nov 1944.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Jews to Palestine.

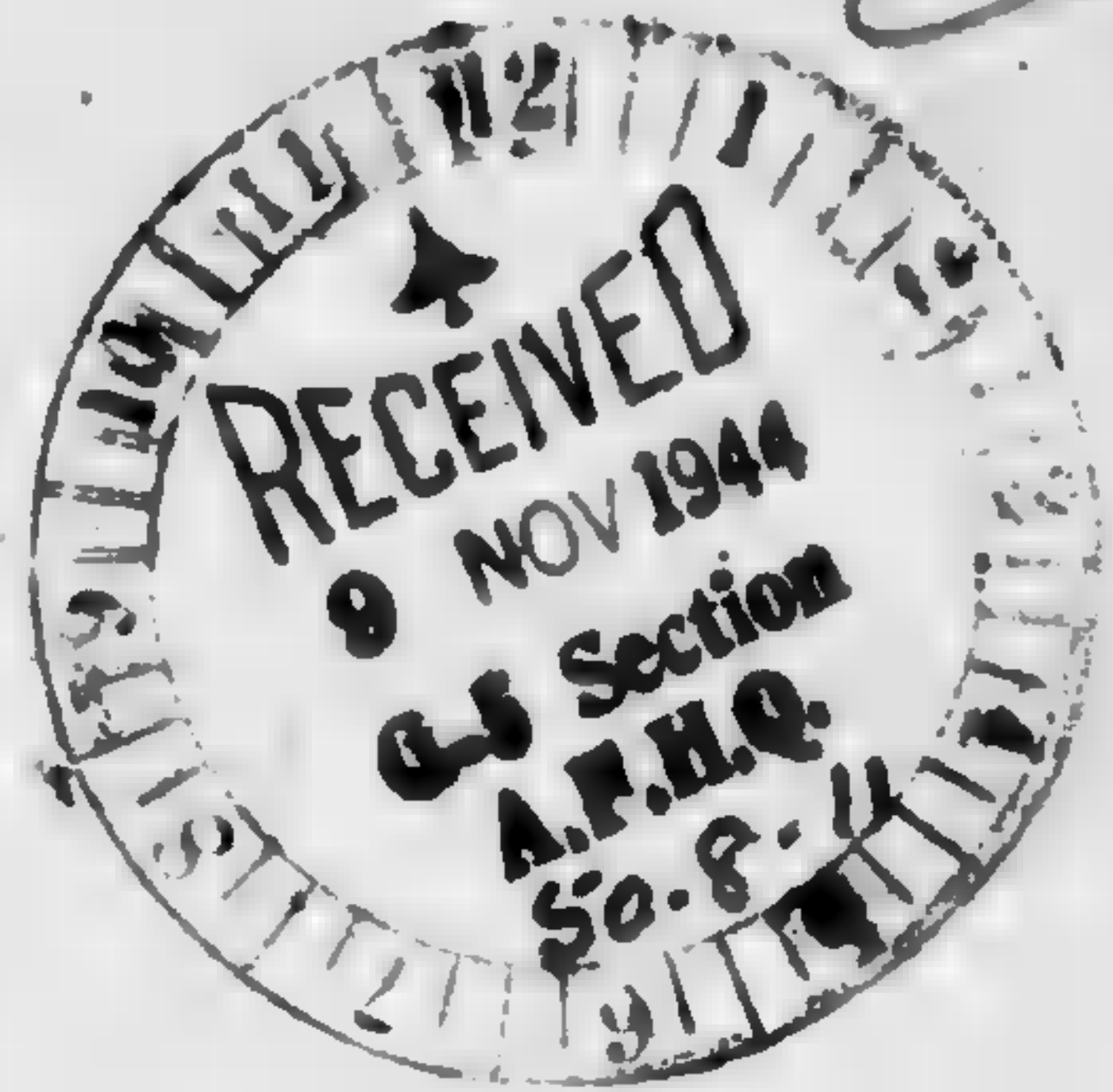
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NO.	FROM	TO	DATE
1.	G-2(CI) G-5 Attn. Col. Goldsmith.		Nov 44.
<p>1. The question of the screening and evacuation of some 900 Jews to Palestine in the near future was recently discussed with Mr. Howard Wriggins, I.G.C.R. and Mr. Benton, Head of Visa Dept., Office of British High Commissioner, Rome.</p> <p>2. It was pointed out that certain improvements could be made in the screening procedure in the light of the experience in handling the 1000 refugees sent to the U.S.A. in July. It was accordingly agreed that we should forward our suggestions for dealing with the 900 in question.</p> <p>3. Attached is a copy of the suggestions made by the officer who dealt with the last party (with which we concur) A copy has been passed to Mr. Benton and Mr. Wriggins. If you concur, would you please pass the attached to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. When the time comes we shall appoint an officer to deal with the security screening at whatever assembly point is selected.</p> <p>For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:</p> <p><i>G. G. Crean</i> G. G. CREAN, Lt. Col. G.S. for S. S. HILL-DILLON, Colonel, Gen. Staff, G-2 (C.I.) Section.</p>			

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AG. M&J. AFHQ.
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 SECTION
APO 512

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G-5: 383.7-5

10 November 1944

SUBJECT : Evacuation of Jews to Palestine.

MEMORANDUM FOR : Headquarters, Allied Commission (Displaced Persons
and Repatriation Sub-Commission, for Colonel Findley).

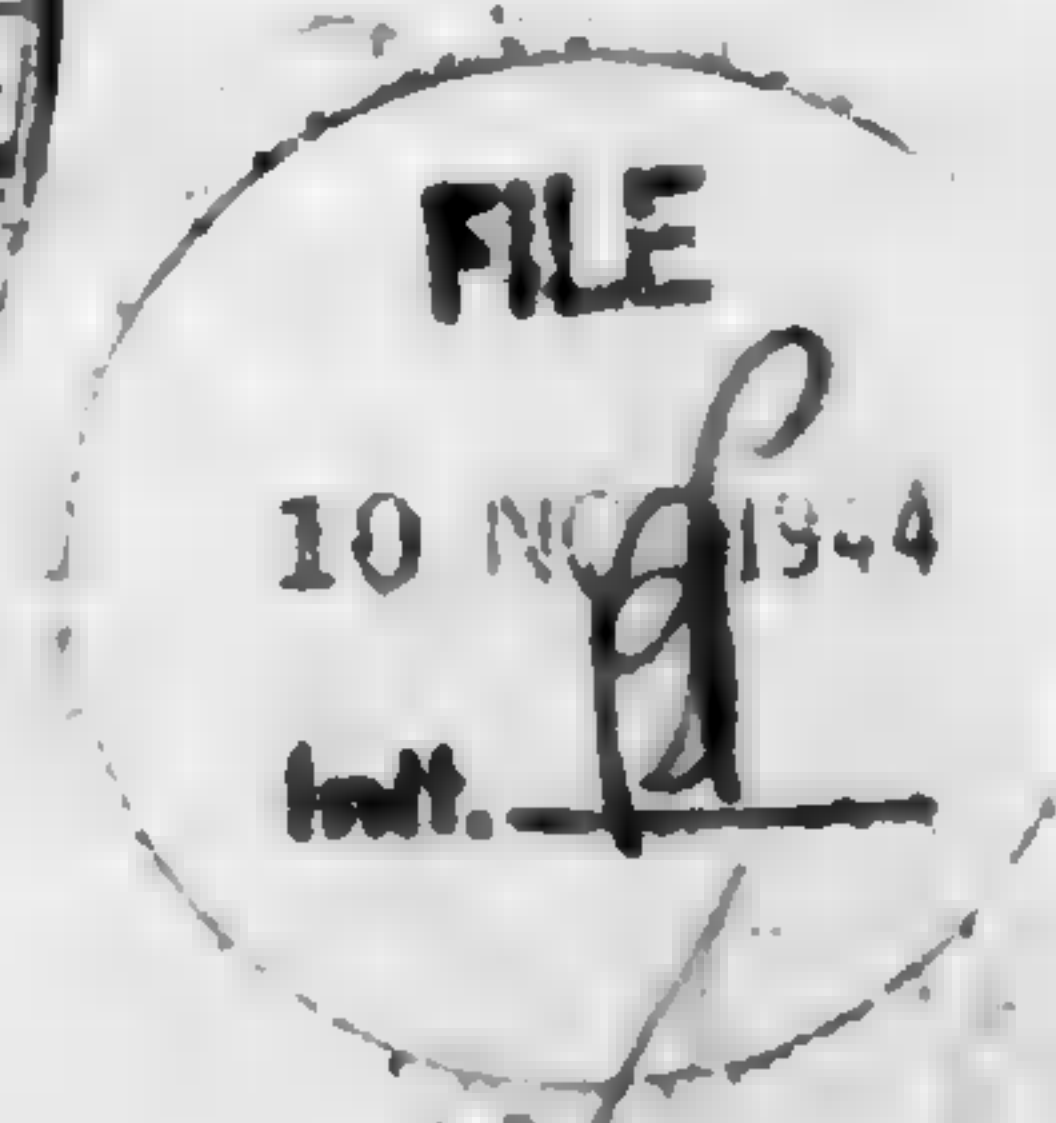
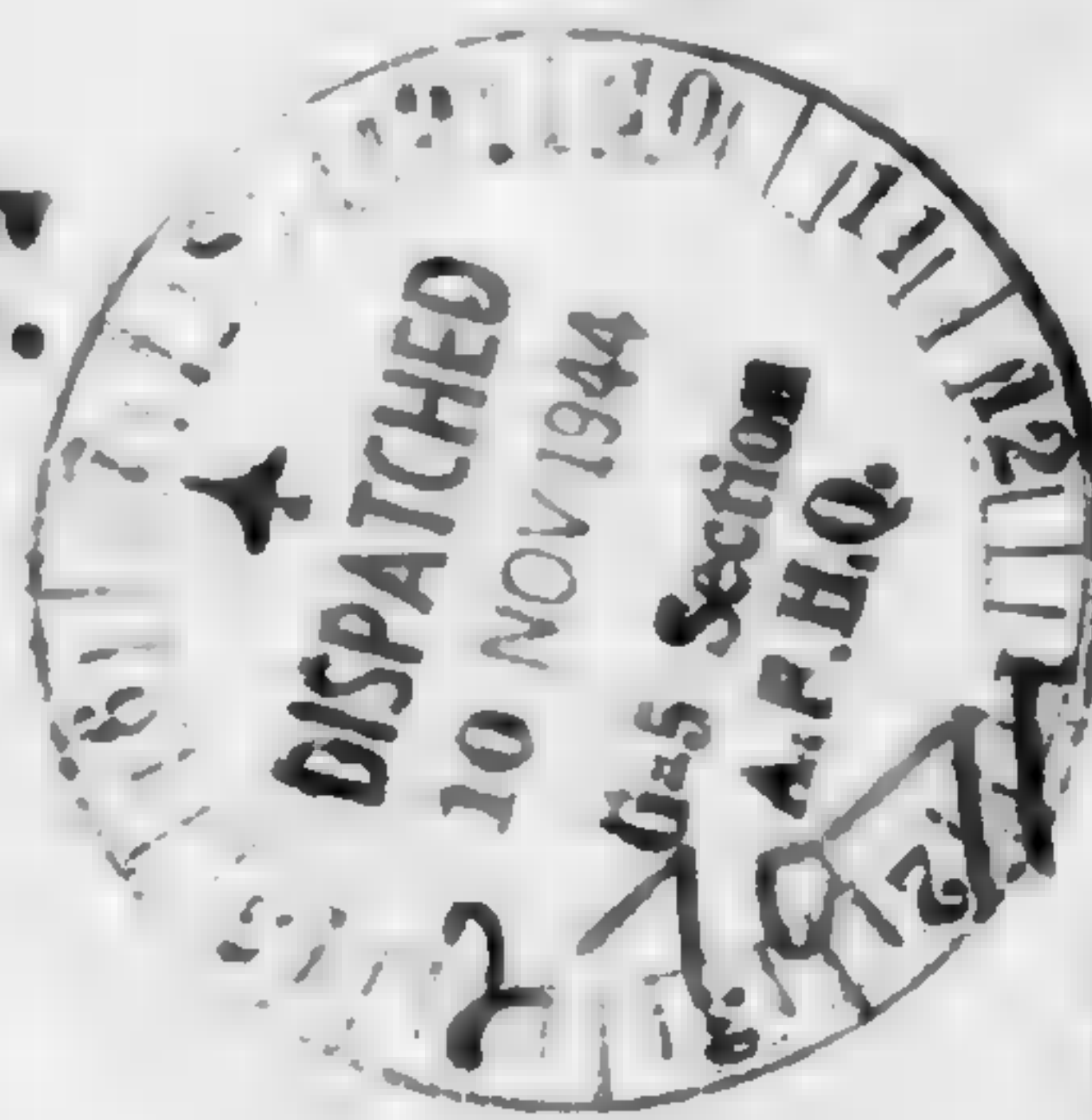
1. The attached Memorandum from 1st Lt. Di Tommaso was forwarded to us by Lt. Colonel G.G. Crean, G-2 (CI).
2. We agree in principle that firm organization of the evacuation indicated should be outlined and agreed in advance of the actual operation.
3. Unquestionably, there are details suggested by Lt. Di Tommaso that, in the light of experience of Displaced Persons and Repatriation Sub-Commission, will need to be revised.
4. We shall be glad to have your advice in the matter.
5. Colonel Crean has agreed that at the proper time G-2 (CI) will appoint an Officer to deal with security screening at whatever assembly point you select.

For the Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

W
S. A. GOLDSMITH
Lt. Col. G.S.C.

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Copy of B/s from G-2(CI) dtd 8 Nov
and Memorandum referred to above.



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**ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Forward Counter Intelligence
Office of the A. C. of S., G-2
C.M.F.**

B.-389.506/72 Adv.

3 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Evacuation of Jews to Palestine.

**TO : G-2 (C.I.) Section,
A.F.H.Q.,
C.M.F.**

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4. It is hoped that the above suggestions will be of use.

/s/ A.L.Di Tommaso, 1st Lt
Inf.

for Captain, G.S.
Forward C.I.

ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5: 383.7-5.

3 November 1944

SUBJECT: Greek Jews in Transit Naples.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Commission
(Attn: D.P. & R.S.C.)
APO 394.

1. Reference letter DPR/10-5/RW of 31 October 44, regarding the problems arising from the operation of 20 October last.

2. It is not anticipated that such a situation will arise on any future occasion but in the event that it does arrangements will be made on the lines suggested in your letter under reference.

3. In the instance quoted last minute changes created an unexpected emergency.

4. This opportunity is taken of expressing appreciation of the excellent work done by your officer (Major Sansone) to whom, it is thought, this expression of appreciation might be conveyed.

For Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5:

W.D.
W. DRIFFIELD-WHITE
Major.

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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED COMMISSION
APO 394
DISPLACED PERSONS AND REPATRIATION SUB-COMMISSION

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DPR/10-5/RW

Tel. 489081 Ext. 392

31 October 1944

SUBJECT : Greek Jews in Transit NAPLES.

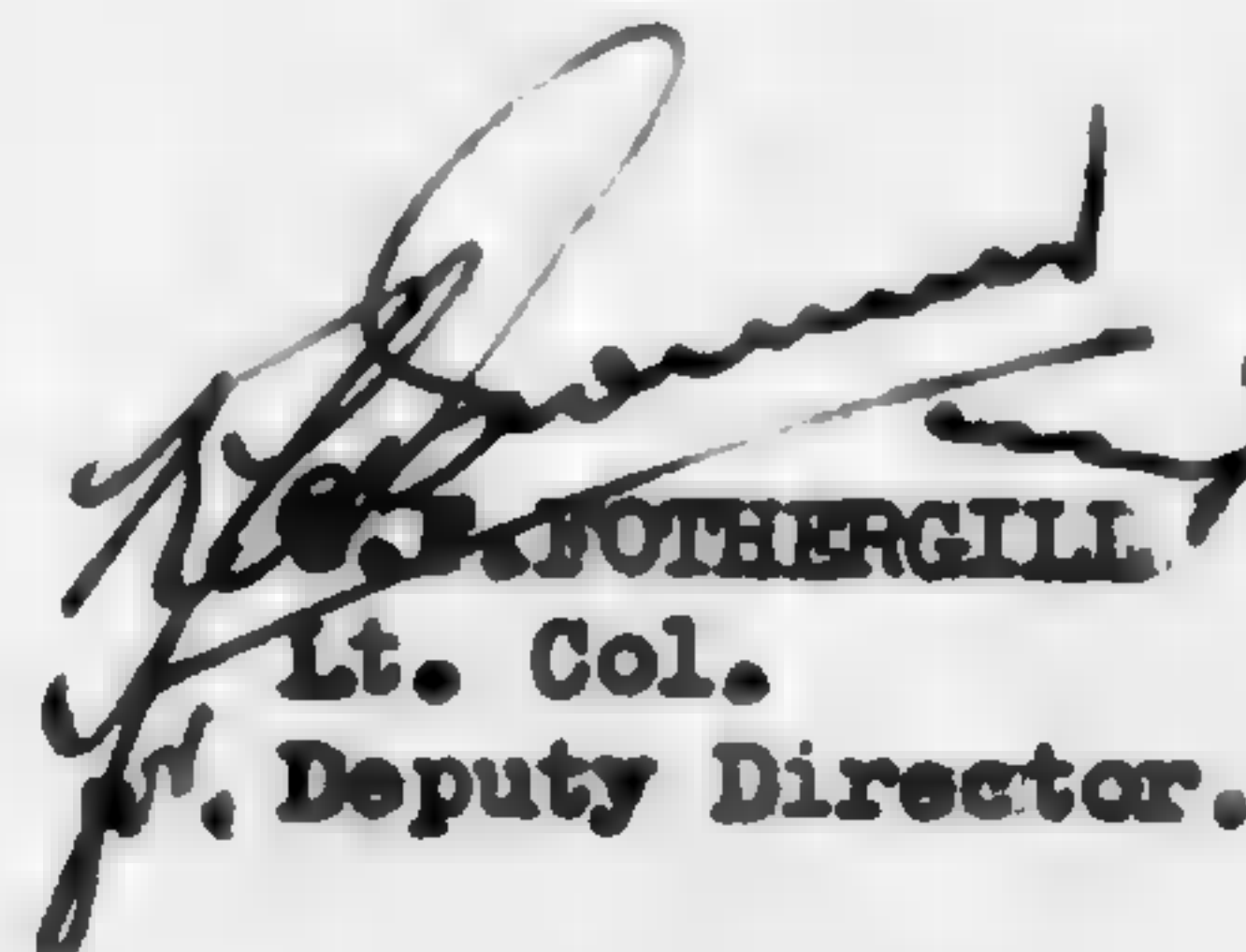
TO : A.F.H.Q. G-5 Section,
(attention Major Duffield White)

1. Certain problems arose regarding the dealing with the Greek Jews in Transit at NAPLES on 20 October 1944. The major problems were transportation and working parties to deal with baggage estimated at 10 tons which proved to be nearly 70 tons.

2. The urgency of the situation, the civilian train due to depart at 1600 hrs on the same day meant that trucks had to be obtained at very short notice, and difficulties arose regarding obtaining these without written authority to P.B.S. to supply.

3. It would be of the greatest value on future occasions if a short Administrative Instruction in writing could be given to P.B.S. instructing them to supply transport and labour at short notice on demand. Assistance to cover, handling of refugees ex ship, transport, rations at station or wharf and rations for journey.

For the Director:


G. E. FOTHERGILL
Lt. Col.
Deputy Director.

Copy to:- 1-3/Adm.





SECRET. Following from Officer administering Government of PALESTINE.
Telegram No. 681, dated 24th October, 1944.

Number 681. Message begins:-

Your telegrams numbers 10 and 11. Immigration of JEWS in ITALY to PALESTINE. Important. Number of Jews who may be admitted to Palestine from Italy under arrangements notified in my former telegram number 681 in answer to Heathcote-Smith's telegram No.8 is 900 persons as an overall figure and not rpt not 900 persons per month.

2. All JEWS in LIBERATED ITALY are eligible for selection within the overall figure of 900 not rpt not solely Jews from Yugoslavia.

3. JEWISH Agency proposes to send NAHON as its representative in ITALY. He will be mainly responsible in consultation with you for selection of suitable immigrants to PALESTINE within the overall figure of 900 which is subject to increase or decrease as described in my former telegram No. 681. It is most desirable that until NAHON arrives no rpt no immigrants for PALESTINE be permitted to proceed apart from those already in possession of immigration authorities. Suggest that BENTON'S previous experience may be useful.

4. It is essential that JEWS permitted to proceed to PALESTINE should be in possession of valid travel documents preferably valid national passports upon which VISA for PALESTINE has been affixed.

5. Further telegram will be sent on subject of NAHON. Message ends.

Copy to:-

Chief of Staff, H.Q., A.C.,

G-5 Section, A.F.H.Q. ,

The Director, D.P. & R.S.G.

K.O. Benton, Esq., Head of Visa Section, British Embassy, ROME.

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FOLLOWING FROM ACTING RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE INTER
GOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES PD

PAREN TO MILPAL FROM ACC SIGNED STONE PAREN

TELEGRAM NUMBER ELEVEN YOUR TELEGRAM SIX EIGHT ONE

UNLESS WE HEAR TO CONTRARY BY OCTOBER THIRTY PENDING NATIONS ARRIVAL
ITALY WE WILL BEGIN SELECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER QUOTA OF APPROXIMATELY
SIX HUNDRED PERSONS OVER AND ABOVE THOSE ALREADY WITH IMMIGRATION
AUTHORISATIONS MAKING TOTAL OF NINE HUNDRED PERSONS AS AUTHORIZED PD
GEORGE FIVE AFHQ REPORTS IT HAS NO RECORD OF NATIONS APPLICATION FOR
PERMISSION TO ENTER ITALY HAVING BEEN RECEIVED PD WHERE IS HE AND
WHEN IS HE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE HERE PD MEANTIME WILL HE AGREE NOW
TO OUR INCLUDING THOSE MEN WHO WILL HAVE COME FROM CROATIA BY EARLY
NOVEMBER IN TOTAL OF NINE HUNDRED PERSONS FOR NOVEMBER PD THESE
WOULD PROBABLY NOT EXCEED FIFTY TO ONE HUNDRED PERSONS PD
SO THAT SELECTIONS MAY BE INTELLIGENTLY MADE CAN WE COUNT ON QUOTA
OF NINE HUNDRED FOR DECEMBER AS WELL

n/r.

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21 Oct 44

Chief of Staff, ACC., HQ.,
G-5, AFHQ.,
Director, D.P. & R.S.O.,
Repatriation Officer, D.P. & R.S.O.

L.T. MONTAGUE JR
1st Lt. and
ADJUTANT.

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S E C R E T .

CIPHER MESSAGE FROM : MILPAL,
TO : HQ., ACC.,

REFERENCE NUMBER : 1/346.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: SECRET.

Date and Time of Origin: 131820A.

Following for Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, Resident Representative
Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees.

From Officer Administering the Government of Palestine.

No. 631. Begins.

Your telegram No. 8. IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE.

Secretary of State has approved entry into Palestine of further 10300 Jewish Immigrants provided that not more than 1500 persons may be admitted in any one month. Of this quota 900 persons as distinguished from principal immigrants allotted to Italy. This number to include authorised immigrants at present in Italy who hold visa authorities and are awaiting transport facilities. This number of 900 may be increased or decreased at the request of the Jewish Agency in Jerusalem and any change so made will be communicated to you.

I suggest that you discuss with NATHAN when he arrives in Italy. Provided that he agrees on behalf of Jewish Agency and that Jewish Agency ensures that number of Jews reaching Palestine in any single month from all quarters does not exceed 1500, and that figure of 900 persons coming to Palestine from Italy is not exceeded without prior notification to me then there is no objection to your proposal. Ends.

Copy to:-

A.F.H.Q., APO 512., G-5 Section. ✓

The Director, D.P. & R.S.C., H.Q., A.C.C.

The Chief of Staff, HQ., ACC.

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C O P Y .

TO: MILPAL,

FROM : H.Q., ACC.,

Reference No. 3861.

Security Classification. CONFIDENTIAL.

Date: 25th September, 1944.

Following from Resident Representative, Inter Governmental
Committee on Refugees.

To Milpal, from ACC., signed Stone.

Following from Heathcote-Smith. Telegram No.8.

Subject: IMMIGRATION INTO PALESTINE.

1. Your cable of 12th June. Group of Jews who have suffered persecution internment and utmost privations for several years are now being brought out from inside Yugoslavia gradually by Allied Authorities. Up to 18th September 29 had been brought across. Total may reach 670. They are portion of a larger group, some of whom were deported and almost certainly exterminated.
2. Please grant me authority to add up to 300 heads of families from among this remnant, some of whom should be able to join in next emigration convoy to Palestine which might be towards end October.

Copy to:-

A.F.H.Q., APO 512., ✓
The Director, D.P. & R.S.,
Chief of Staff, HQ., ACC.

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To: G-5.

From: Resident Minister's Office.



We have received a telegram from the Foreign Office reporting the substance of a message received by the Delegate in London of the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva. The message reports that as a result of steps taken by the Committee in Budapest, the Hungarian authorities have given the Committee an official assurance that the transportation of Jews over the Hungarian frontier has ceased and that the Committee are authorised to furnish relief to Jews who are interned or who are living in forced residence in Hungary. The Committee are furthermore offered facilities for co-operating in the evacuation of all Jewish children under ten years of age and civilians who are in possession of visas to reception countries and civilians holding entrance visas to Palestine are said to be allowed to leave Hungary.

2. The Foreign Office, who regard the report as trustworthy though lacking positive confirmation, have instructed the British Embassy in Washington to discuss the matter with the State Department with a view to arranging a positive response to the Hungarian offer. They understand that the International Red Cross representative in Washington will have made a similar communication to the State Department.

A.R.

9th August, 1944.

Copy to: U.S. Political Adviser.

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FROM: AGWAR FROM HILLDBING SIGNED MARSHALL
TO: AFHQ TO DEVERS FOR SPOFFORD
REF NO THIS MESSAGE: WX 66185, 17 JULY 1944

Currency conversion for war refugees, reference
FX 72250.

Following is proposed answer to MATS 229, 219
and 215 and MAT airgram 6 which has been approved by US
authorities, but which was referred by the British to
LONDON before giving UK concurrence.

1. "Concur in your views that arrangements should
be made to provide refugees and other persons who are
authorized to leave Liberated ITALY with stipulated amounts
of foreign exchange against their holdings of lire currency.
It is a customary practice of Foreign Exchange Controls to
provide foreign exchange in reasonable amounts against local
currency for such purposes.

2. "Request that you review this question with
the appropriate authorities of the Italian government and
make a recommendation as to the limits that should be
placed on the amounts of foreign exchange to be provided
against lira currency to a person leaving Liberated ITALY.
A schedule of reasonable amount limitations should be provided
according to the destination of the person or persons
leaving Liberated ITALY and other varying circumstances,
including the size of the family involved. Provision should
be made for requests for conversion of amounts in excess of
stated limits subject to specific license.

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3. "It is believed that conversion should be made through the Italian Foreign Exchange Controls under ACC and should not be dependent upon the existence of a counterpart willing to accept lire against the desired foreign exchange.

4. "It would be most helpful if the following information can be furnished:

(A) Breakdown by broad categories of amounts of lire held in the aggregate by the 550 refugees to PALESTINE, for example, how many refugees possess up to Lit 1000, how many up to Lit 5000, etc. Also, when available, a comparable breakdown of the lira currency held by the 1000 refugees to the US as well as the average amounts held by other refugee groups.

(B) Amount of other currencies received from the 550 refugees to PALESTINE, including a breakdown as in 4 A above and indicating the currencies involved. When available, similar information should be furnished concerning currencies other than lira held by the 1000 refugees to the US.

(C) An estimate of the total amount of foreign exchange which ITALY might have to supply monthly under such a program based on your recommended amount limitations.

5. "Information has been received through US Treasury Department of a movement of 40,000 refugees from YUGOSLAVIA to EGYPT. Refugees in this movement and in similar movements, where the stay of the refugees in Liberated ITALY is transient in character, should not be included under the arrangements referred to in Para 1 above.

6. "It is understood that the Joint Distribution Committee Representative in JERUSALEM has not made any payments to the 550 refugees recently evacuated to PALESTINE. However it is understood that at least a partial payment is urgently needed in this case. You are authorized to make a conversion of limited amounts of Italian lire into

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PALESTINE pounds through procedure indicated in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above and to arrange for the payment of the PALESTINE pounds to refugees.

7. "The JDC should acquire its lira requirements through regular banking channels in the US or in the UK."

Reply from LONDON has not yet been received. Combined answer will be dispatched as soon as possible following receipt of British views.

NOTE: FX 72250 is MC OUT 3402 14/7/44 G-5
MAT 229)
MAT 219) Not identified in AFHQ MC files.
MAT 215)

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INFORMATION: SGS
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MR MACMILLAN
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**ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
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G-5: 383.7-5


**CMS/SAG/wag
7 July 1944**

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Jews

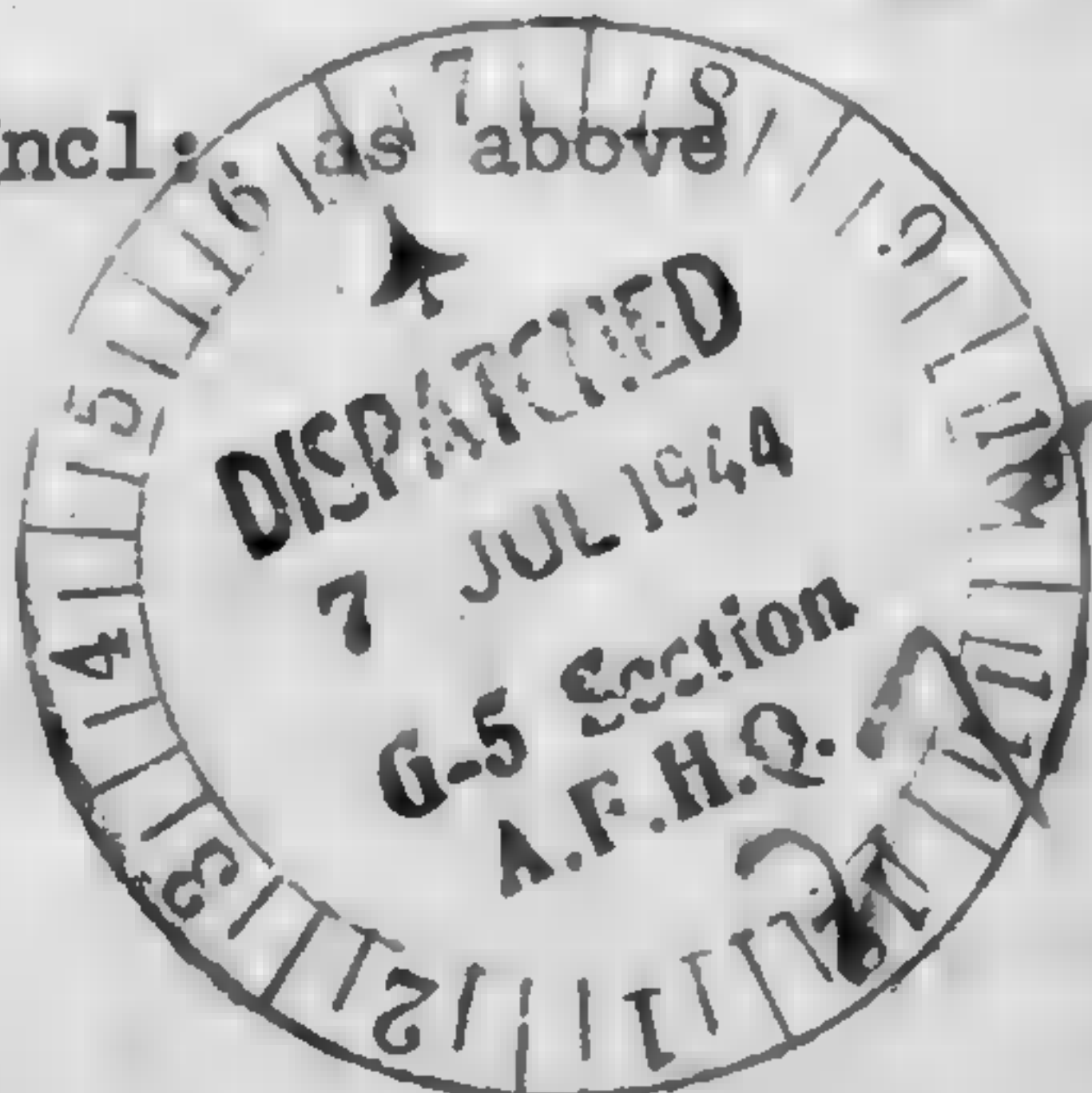
**TO : Sir A. Rusbold,
Office of the British Resident Minister,
AFHQ.**

1. Reference telephone conversation of today and your inquiry of 7 June (our letter G-5: 387.7-5 of 14 June, copy to you, refers), herewith copy of reply received from Allied Control Commission.

2. Can we be of further help in this matter?


**CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G. S. C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.**

Incl:



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From
COLONEL SPOFFORD

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FROM: NAPLES FROM ACC ADV FOR DISPER

TO : AFHQ FOR ACTION ACC MAIN FOR INFORMATION

REFERENCE NUMBER THIS MESSAGE: ADV 379, 12 July 1944

CITE G-5 AFHQ-BNAF.

Reference ACC letter 13101/P dated 26 May 1944 and 13101/P dated 2 June 1944.

Subject is Foreign Exchange for refugees leaving ITALY.

1. Currency to approximately 9,000,000 lire were collected late May 1944 from Jews in first shipment to PALESTINE. Jews were given receipts signed by Officers, internees and displaced persons Sub Commission and funds were deposited with Allied Financial Agency in blocked account. Since it was anticipated that it would take many weeks to develop permanent policy and machinery for clearing currency transfers for refugees crossing international boundaries under Allied supervision, internees and displaced persons suggested as a temporary measure that some Jewish Relief Agency with the desire either to:

- A. Purchase lire for relief work in ITALY or;
- B. Simply underwrite the project and negotiate a settlement after the War requested to reimburse the Jews with local currency upon their arrival in PALESTINE. This proposal was passed on to AFHQ - BNAF in the 26 May and 2 June letters referred to above.

The Jews have been in PALESTINE over 1 month and their money has not been returned to them.

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2. The PALESTINE authorities have inquired when the Jews may expect the money returned to them.

3. Departure of 1000 Jews for US is imminent. Lire has no value in world money markets and both proclamations and Armistice terms preclude transactions in Foreign Exchange without authorisation of Combined Chiefs of Staff. Moreover, existing regulations prohibit exportation of lire.

4. This Sub Commission is reluctant to collect from these departing refugees all their currency without some assurance that they will receive dollars in return within a reasonable time after their arrival in the US.

5. Finance Sub Commission in letter 13701/F dated 2 June 1944 suggested UNRRA as organisation most appropriate to clear currency transfers for refugees. Will they accept responsibility deposits of refugees leaving for USA?

6. The humanitarian aspects of the problem are sufficient to invite prompt action but in the light of President's ROOSEVELT'S announced interest through the World Press the political implications are of paramount importance.

HAS BEEN RELAYED TO AFHQ ADV CP

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394.

Regional Control and Military Government Section.
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Ref: 410/130/CA.

2nd July 1944.

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Jews.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
G-5 Section.

1. Reference your letter G-5: 383.7-5 of 14. June, enquiries have been made of Displaced Persons Sub-Commission in Bari and at other camps, and also at Displaced Persons Sub-Commission Headquarters regarding the enquiry contained in the above-quoted letter.
2. It is regretted that no definite information can be given.
3. It is, however, suggested that:-
 - (a) the "tested Jewish group" may refer to those Zionists to whom certificates had been issued before the Allied occupation and who were discovered at Ferramenti Camp;
 - (b) "1 P.W. Transit Camp, CMF" is now No.1 Transit Camp, Bari, Displaced Persons.
4. If the suggestion in (a) above is correct, this "tested Jewish group" is now in Mideast, having formed part of the 313 family groups recently despatched. Should any of this "tested Jewish group" not have been included in the party mentioned above, the elements will still be at Ferramenti. They are not at No.1 Transit Camp, Bari.

WDW/JG.

W. D. White
for Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner,
for Chief Commissioner.

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COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF WERE ASKED URGENTLY FOR DECISION ON TWENTY EIGHT JUNE IN
RESPONSE ACC REQUEST X PAREN TO ACC ADVANCE FOR DISPER REPEATED INFORMATION ACC MAIN
SIGNED SACMED CITE FHGEG REFERENCE YOUR ADV TWO FOUR SIX OF FIVE JULY PAREN X WHILE
JEWISH RELIEF ORGANIZATION IS WAITING FOR ACCESS TO NINE MILLION LIRE IN QUESTION CMA
CANNOT JDC REQUEST ITS NEW YORK AFFILIATION TO REMIT LIRE THROUGH PAYMENT DOLLARS VIA
ESTABLISH REMITTANCE SYSTEM

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section

6 July, 1944.

**SUBJECT:- Visit of Mr. Zaslani, Jewish Agency,
to BARI.**

**TO:- Office of the
British Resident Minister,
A.P.H.Q.,
5, Rue Professeur Ourtillet,
ALGIERS.**

- 1) No objection is seen to the proposed visit by Mr. Zaslani of the Jewish Agency, to BARI, for purpose of getting in touch with General Velabit.
- 2) Attention, however, is called to the fact that requests have been made to the Jewish Agency to establish a permanent representative, who, through Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith of the Inter-Governmental Refugee Committee, would be attached to, but not a member of, the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission of the Allied Control Commission.
- 3) In any case, it is desired that before Mr. Zaslani leaves for Bari, adequate notice be given to the Allied Control Commission, and thereby to Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, of the proposed visit and purpose to be served by that visit.

MS
S.A. Goldsmith,
Major, A.U.S.,
for Colonel Charles M. Spofford,
A/C. of S., G-5.

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Office of the British Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters,
5, rue Professeur Curtet,
Algiers.

To: G-5.

From: British Resident Minister's Office.

We have had a telegram in the following terms from the Office of the British Minister of State in Cairo:

"Zaslani of Jewish Agency is anxious to be allowed to proceed to Bari in order to get in touch with Velabit with a view to enlisting his support and sympathy to receive any Jews who may escape from Hungary to Yugoslavia.

A member of the Jewish Agency saw Velabit on his way through Cairo to London and raised the question with him then Velabit is stated to have said that he would recommend the idea to Marshal Tito.

Zaslani wishes to pursue the matter further but will not approach Velabit unless he has our approval to his doing so as Velabit is sure to ask him if we are aware of the approach. Zaslani would wish to remain in Bari until details are settled.

I am not able to assess prospects of project but would hesitate without good reason to put difficulties in the way of any scheme which may assist the escape of Jews from Axis occupied Europe."

2. We should be grateful if you would let us know whether you would agree to our informing the British Minister of State that no objection is seen to Mr. Zaslani being allowed to proceed to Bari for the purpose in question.

3. We are sending a copy of this memorandum to the Office of the U.S. Political Adviser who may also have some comments to make.

A.R.

3rd July, 1944.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICE

May 6, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF C.M. SECFORD, CHIEF, MILITARY GOVERNMENT SECTION,
ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS.

With reference to our conversation regarding the emigration of refugees from Yugoslavia, please note the attached paraphrase of telegram from the American Ambassador to the Greek Government in Cairo, dated April 29. According to the enclosure, Marshal Tito has now promised support in connection with the rescue of Hungarian Jews whom he states will assist to escape and join his forces or be evacuated when it may be possible.

(sgd.) ROBERT D. MURPHY,
American Ambassador.

Enclosure:-

Paraphrase of Cairo's unnumbered
telegram of April 29, 1944, 1 p.m.

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P R I O R I T Y

FROM: ACC ADV

TO : MILPAL REPEATED AFHQ

REF.NO.THIS MSG: 409, 27 June 1944

Following from Resident Representative, Inter Govern-
mental Committee on Refugees.

Cable Number 7. Your cable of 20 June through AFHQ,
subject, Finance. Grand total surrendered here was 9,000,000
lire. All immigrants hold official receipt showing exact
amounts surrendered. Presumably Jewish Agency has listed
these. Full details can be repeated to you by airmail if
desired.

My cable Number 6 of 14 June. Currency. Please telegraph
urgent stating amount hitherto advanced to immigrants.
Authorities here will then release equivalent amount for
urgently needed charity.

FOOTNOTE: #6 Is Ref No 6209 MC IN 9069 14/6/44 G-5

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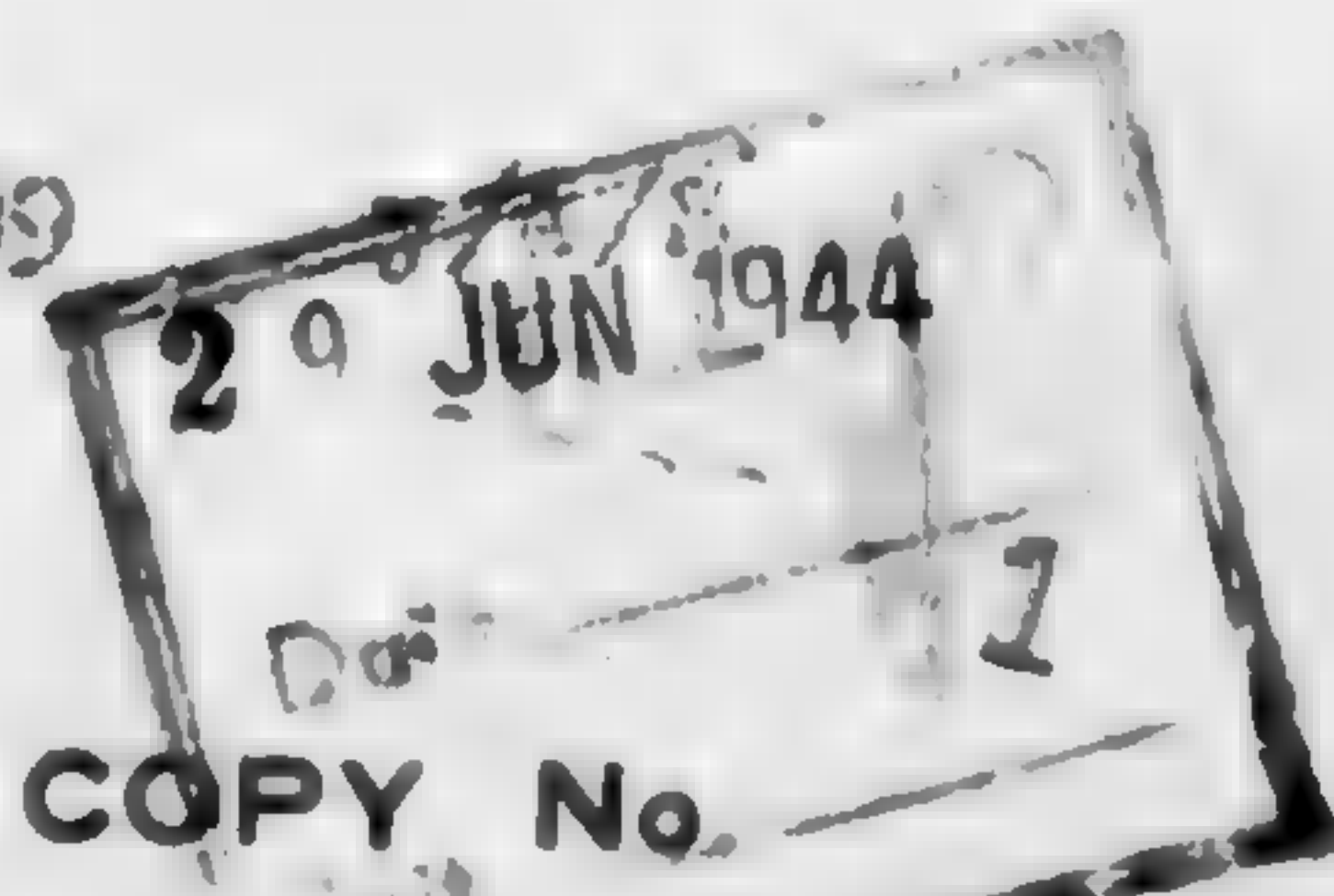
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APO 512

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G-5: 383.7-5

22 June 1944

SUBJECT: Immigration permits for Palestine

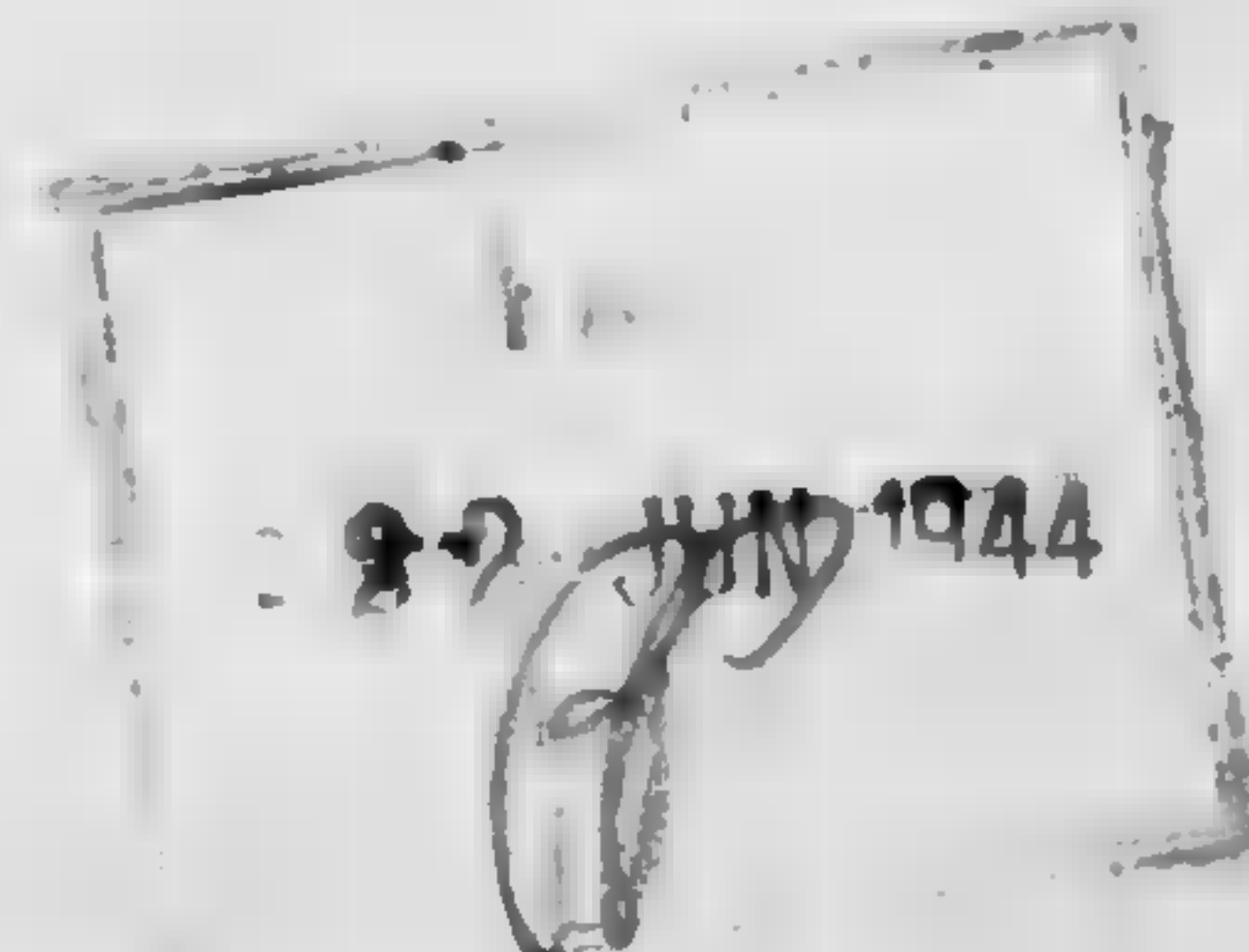
TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission
APO 394

For Sir C. Heathcote-Smith, IGCR

1. The Office of the British Resident Minister at Allied Force Headquarters has requested that the attached copy of the relevant extract of a telegram received from the Foreign office be sent you for your confidential information.

SAMUEL A. GOLDSMITH
Major
for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5

Incl:
as above.



Office of the British Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters
5, Rue Professeur Cartellier,

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To: Major Walker, G-5.

From: Sir Anthony Rumbold.

Subject: Immigration permits for Palestine.

Reference: ACC MAIN Cable No. 5362 of May 21st (MC IN 13155).

The message contained in the cable referred to above was as you know forwarded to the Foreign Office for transmission to the Inter-Governmental Committee and the High Commissioner for Palestine.

2. The Foreign Office have now sent us a telegram describing in brief the general lines of H.M. Government's policy about Jewish immigration into Palestine and its effect in particular on the question of the destination of Jewish refugees who have to be removed from Italy. I enclose for your confidential information two copies of the relevant extract from this telegram, one of which I should be grateful if you would pass on to Sir C. Heathcote-Smith, also for his confidential information.

A.R.

21st June, 1944.

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Extract from telegram from Foreign Office
to Resident Minister, Algiers, No.1326
of 16.6.44.

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Position with regard to further allocation of immigration certificates for Palestine must be considered in the light of general policy regarding Jewish immigration to that country.

As you know, under White Paper of January 25th, Immigration was not to exceed 75,000 up to March 31st, 1944, and thereafter was only to be short passage undecypherable Arab community in Palestine. War conditions prevented 75,000 maximum being reached by March 31st and it was decided to prolong period of admission. The maximum of 75,000 however, remains in force.

At April 1st, 1944, about 24,000 Jewish immigrants could still be admitted but against this figure must be set off balance of immigrants who may be expected still to arrive from quotas granted between July 1943 and March 1944 leaving a free balance at the end of May of about 19,000.

It has for some time been the principle that preference should be given to Jews in danger of their lives in Axis countries rather than to those in countries beyond Axis control or threat of such control. In disposing of the remaining balance, following policy will be observed:

(a) Any person holding certificate already granted will be admitted subject to criterion of economic absorptive capacity of the country and provided that quota of 75,000 has not been reached but certificates granted since July 1943 automatically lapse if not used within 6 months.

(b) Bulk of places will be reserved for refugees from enemy and enemy occupied countries (considerable number are now getting through Turkey) but

(c) a proportion may be given to persons in any country in Europe that has been or may in future be liberated from enemy control.

(d) A few places will be given to persons in other safe countries but Jewish agency will have to present a convincing case for admission of each individual applicant, and such admissions will be discontinued if there is immigration from enemy and enemy occupied countries on large scale.

Any allocation for refugees in Italy beyond 300 certificates covering 571 persons already granted is primarily for High Commissioner to consider under (c) above. Governing consideration is that number of

places

places in Palestine is limited and that any admission of Jews from Italy or other safe countries must reduce the possibility of accepting in Palestine fresh refugees from enemy countries. Since the end of March over 1,200 Jewish refugees from Roumania have reached Palestine via Istanbul, and prospect of continuance of immigration from enemy countries on this or larger scale makes it improbable that large number of certificates can be made available for refugees in Italy.

I am examining question of alternative destinations for Jewish refugees in Italy who cannot be included in Palestine quotas. It would be inconvenient to send them to Fedhala, (even if French agreed) as accommodation there should be kept in reserve for any possible future influx of stateless Jewish refugees from France into Spain.

It is important in general that Jews should not (repeat not) be referred to and treated as such, but, save of course where they are stateless, should always be referred to and treated as citizens of particular nationality to which they may belong, e.g. Poles, Hungarians, Yugoslavs etc. It would lead to confusion to drift into the practice under which various Allied Governments with nationals in Italy were enabled to evade responsibility for all their Jewish nationals.

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TO FOR ACTION: ACC MAIN
FOR INFO: DISPER BARI
REF NO: FX 62288
SIGNED: SACMED CITE: FHGEG

Following is paraphrase message for HEATHCOTE SMITH,
Resident representative IGCR, from High Commissioner PALESTINE.

Begins.

1. Under heading "Finance" in your IGCR/PAL/2 of 26 May type (?) of currency surrendered by refugees was mentioned. Details not received with you memorandum above quoted. Grateful if can now be forwarded.

2. Refer para 3 (C) your IGCR/PAL/1, no date, relative immigration 300 heads of families to PALESTINE. I have no knowledge delegation of authority for selection immigrants. Desirable ultimate decision should rest with you or ACC after consultation most reliable persons available. Jewish Agency, despite frequent reminders, has not nominated representative for ITALY but I have no objection your acting on advice SERENI if you see fit. Such advice probably sound but you need not feel compelled follow it. Your decision agreed on other doubtful points as mentioned in your memorandum.

Ends.

No record here of memoranda above quoted. Text above message and date your PAL/2 as given indicates message not in reply your cables numbers 1 and 2 forwarded in ACC 5362 of 21 May and 5690 of 1 June.

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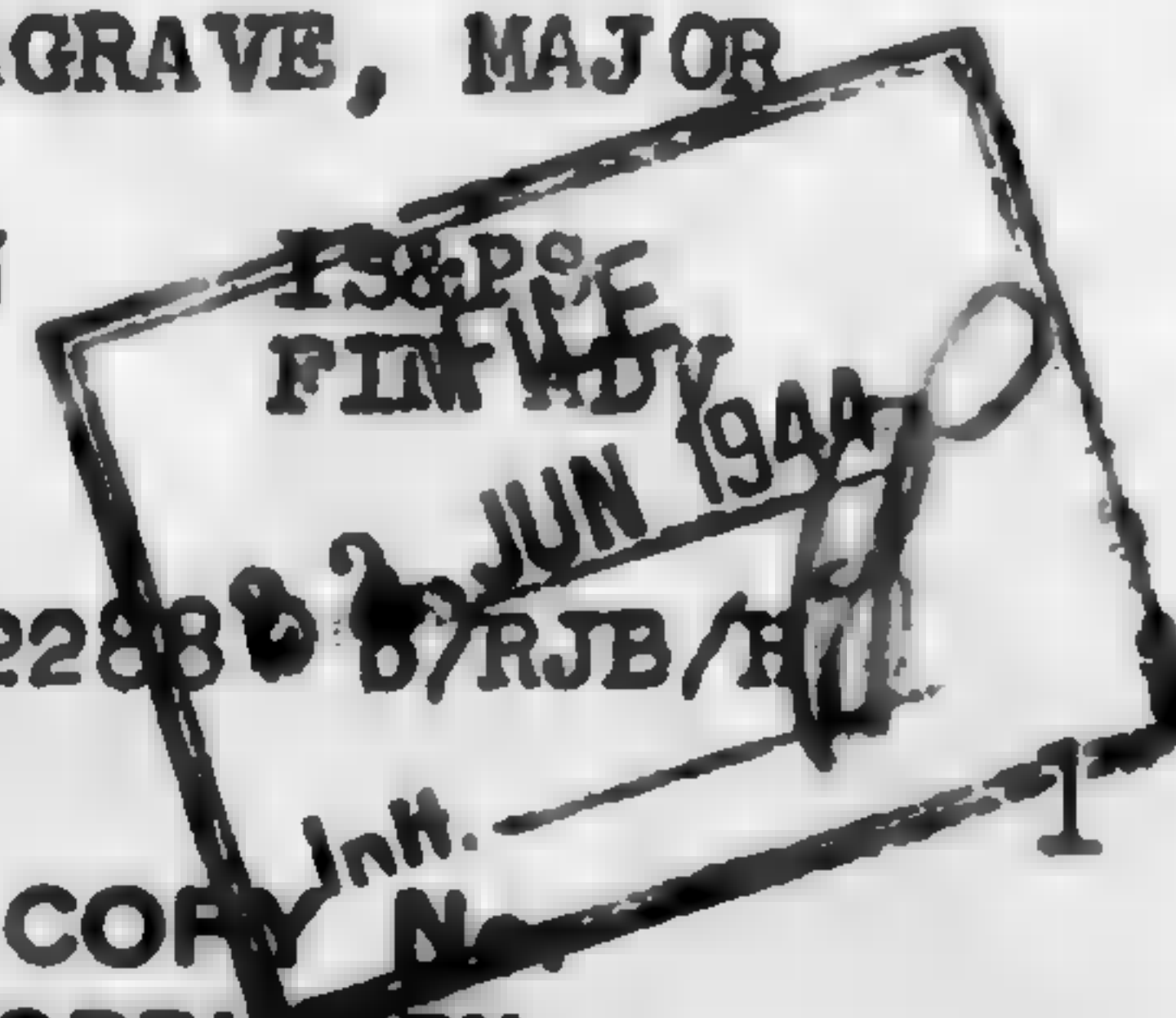
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AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, MAJOR

INFORMATION:

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ROUTINE

FROM: MIL PAL

TO : AFHQ

REFERENCE NO. THIS MESSAGE: I 208, 19 June 1944

Following for HEATHCOTE SMITH, Resident Representative
Inter-governmental Committee on Refugees from High Commissioner
PALESTINE.

1. Your IGCR/PAL/2 of 26 May: Under heading Finance, mention is made of type(?) of currency handed in by refugees prior to departure from ITALY. This was not received with memorandum under reference. Grateful if it may now be sent.

2. Para 3 C, your IGCR/PAL/1 undated concerning immigration to PALESTINE of 300 heads of families. I have no knowledge of delegation of authority to select immigrants. It is desirable that ultimate decision should rest with you or Allied Central Commission after consultation with most reliable persons available for purpose. In spite of frequent reminders Jewish agency has not yet nominated representative in ITALY, but I have no objection to your acting on advice of SERENI if you see fit. His advice will probably be sound but you need not feel bound to follow it. I concur in decisions taken by you on other doubtful points as explained in memorandum under reference.

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21 JUN 1944

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MR. MURPHY

MR. MACMILLAN

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FROM: FATIMA

TO : MILPAL FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER, INFORMATION AFHQ

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: 6209, 14 June 1944

FOLLOWING FROM RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE INTER GOVERNMENTAL
COMMITTEE ON REFUGEES.

Cable No. 6.

Subject emigrants currency, my cable No. 4 of 3 June.

Please telegraph amount in PALESTINE currency advanced
to emigrants.

NOTE: CABLE NO 4 IS REF 5752 MC IN 1996 4/6/44 G-5

ACTION: G-5

INFORMATION: FIN ADV
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MR MURPHY
MR MACMILLAN

MC IN 9069 14 June 44 2131B REF NO: 6209 c/A/H

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G-5 Section
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G-5: 383.7-5

14 June 1944

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Jews.

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: R.C. and M.G. Section).

1. There has been received in the Office of the British Resident Minister at AFHQ a telegram from the Foreign Office which reads as follows:

"Please telegraph whereabouts of tested Jewish group
1 P.W. Transit Camp, G.M.F."

It may be that by "tested Jewish group" is meant a group of proven Zionists to whom immigration certificates for Palestine were issued prior to the Allied occupation. Perhaps the fact that the group, whatever its composition, was in 1 P.W. Transit Camp may provide a clue.

2. It is requested that the matter may be investigated, and that any information which you are able to obtain may be reported to this Headquarters.

[Signature]
D. S. WALKER,
Major.
for- CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy to:

The Office of the British Resident Minister -
your Route Slip of 7 June refers.

no copy kept



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TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR COMBINED CHIEFS OF STAFF FOR CCAC

INFORMATION: USFOR BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

REF NO: F 57801

SIGNED: WILSON

CITE: FHGEG

THIS IS MAT 219.

As matter emergency Allied control Commission took possession currency in hands 550 Jewish refugees recently evacuated PALESTINE giving receipts signed by Officers displaced persons Subcommission. Total equivalent to 9 million (9000000) Lire mostly in Lire but includes some other currencies. No provision any specified rate of exchange into PALESTINE Pounds refugees agreeing abide by later decision Allied Authorities. Approval urgently needed of some procedure for conversion this currency into PALESTINE Pounds. Suggest consideration be given proposal in MAT 215 of 9 June of Joint Distribution Committee to take up Lire against dollars made available to PALESTINE Bank.

Numerous instances of need to convert currencies for all types of refugees certain to arise. Above procedure involving change occurrence counterparty proposed only to meet emergency case. Proposal for orderly procedure contained in following MAT Airgram. Admittedly any scheme gives preference to refugees over other holders of Lire claims but refusal to do so will greatly complicate displaced persons problem.

ORIGINATOR: G-5

AUTH: CAPT N P SEAGRAVE

INFO:

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MR MURPHY

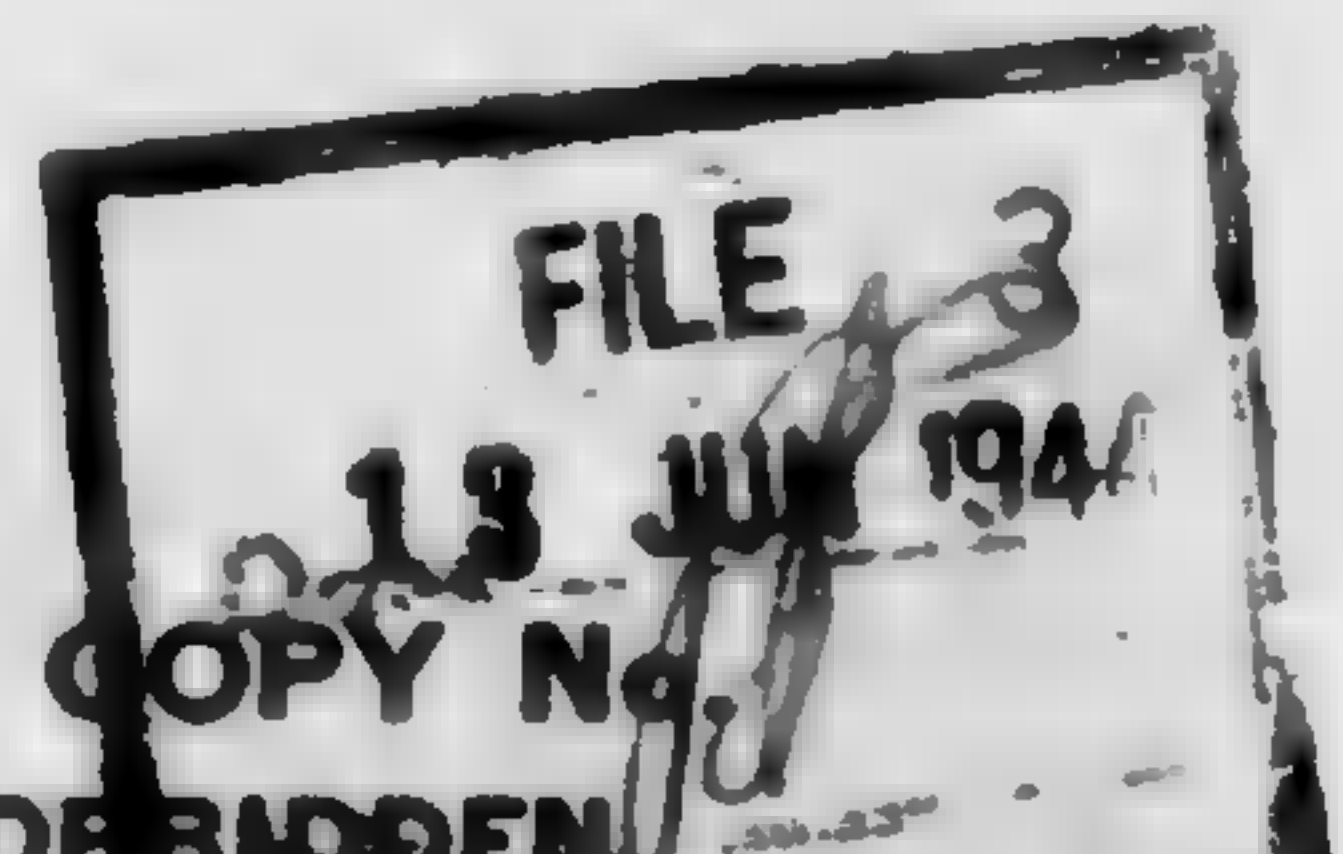
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PRIORITY

TO FOR ACTION: AGWAR FOR CCS FOR CCAC FOR STATE DEPT
FOR SEAVITT, JDC, NEW YORK

REPEATED: USFOR - BRITISH CHIEFS OF STAFF

FROM: DR SCHWARTZ, JDC

REF NO: F 57129

SIGNED: WILSON CITE: FHGEG

This is MAT 215.

Nine million (9,000,000) AM Lira currency deposited in ITALY by refugee group leaving for PALESTINE. They are prepared to accept PALESTINE pounds in exchange at rate named by ACC. Joint Distribution Committee agreeable to take this AM Lira for funds required in ITALY and to pay approximate equivalent of Ninety thousand (90,000) dollars thru JERUSALEM Central Bank.

Upon suggestion IGCR have ordered viteles pay claims not over ten (10) pounds in full at once and ten (10) percent of claims above that figure. Kindly remit at once \$90,000 to Central Bank so they can meet all such demands since immigrants urgently need sums due them.

Approval in principle necessary from CCAC, CCS to whom ACC has addressed request for decision thru AFHQ.

For prompt action kindly contact Chief Civil Affairs Officer thru PEHLE.

Please advise IGCR Representative care Hq, ACC, also LIBBON upon completion of above arrangements.

ORIGINATOR: G-5 **AUTH:** G T FULLERTON-CARNEGIE, CAPT.

INFO: MR MURPHY
MR MACMILLAN
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G-5 Section
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G-5: 383.7-5

8th June 1944

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Jews.

TO : Headquarters,
Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
(Attention: RC and MG Section).

Reference is made to our MCS: 383.7-5 of 24 April.

1. Attached is a copy of a message from the High Commissioner, Palestine, received in this Section via the Foreign Office and the Office of the British Resident Minister at AFHQ. If the persons mentioned in this list have not already been evacuated from Italy the attached message is authority for the issuance to them of immigration certificates for Palestine.

2. Should any of these persons have been evacuated already, then a corresponding number may now be granted certificates from within the total of 313 authorised in our F 41250 of 4 May. In this connection it is desired to make it clear that our message of 4 May was intended to authorise the issuance of 313 certificates to principal immigrants. It is thought that there may have been some misunderstanding as it is evident from your 5690 of 1 June that 300 certificates only were issued to principal immigrants.

3. Arrangements for movement and transportation for persons mentioned above should be as for the first group of immigrants previously evacuated from Italy.

Incl: as above



[Signature]
D. G. WALKER, Major
for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.



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TO FOR ACTION: MILPAL FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER

REPEATED: MIDEAST

REF NO: F 55580

SIGNED: SACMED CITE: FHGEG

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Subject is finances Jewish immigrants ex ITALY.

**Reurad immediate previous cable paraphrase
Resident Representative IGCR ITALY message No. 3.**

**Following from Resident Representative IGCR,
ITALY, for High Commissioner and is paraphrase of message
No. 4.**

**Mister J SCHWARTZ of Jewish Joint Distribution
Committee instructs me inform you JDC will advance to
immigrants sums up to pounds sterling 10 and 10 percent
totals as in my No. 3 forthwith in PALESTINE currency.**

**SCHWARTZ making plans for early total clearance
all sums surrendered in ITALY.**

**Please contact Mr VITELIS of Central Bank
JERUSALEM and show this message. End.**

ORIGINATOR: G-2

AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, CAPT.

INFO:

**SGS
CAO
G-1
G-1 (B)
MR MURPHY
MR MACMILLAN**

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TO FOR ACTION: MILPAL FOR HIGH COMMISSIONER

REPEATED: MIDEAST

REF NO: F 55579

SIGNED: SACMED CITE: PHGEG

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x Finance

Refer DISPER BARI 5254/55-1 of 22 May.

Subject is Jewish Refugees final figures 300 heads families with 271 dependents.

Following is paraphrase of No. 3 from Resident Representative IGCR, ITALY, to High Commissioner.

Subject currency retained here property of immigrants. Principle of compensation referred WASHINGTON.

Pending settlement request Jewish Agency or other body reimburse immigrants in full against receipts held by them for Monies surrendered here up to pounds sterling 10, and others to 10 per cent of value surrendered.

Duplicate receipts held here and checked correct. Immigrants carry personal receipts. Ends.

Message No. 4 follows.

ORIGINATOR: G-5

AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, CAPT.

**INFO: FIN. ADV
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MC OUT 1251

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PRIORITY

FROM: ACC MAIN

TO: 1 AFHQ FOR G 5

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: 5737, 3 June 1944

Following from Resident Representative Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees for forward transmission to High Commissioner, PALESTINE.

Cable number 3, subject currency surrendered here by Jewish Immigrants. Financial principle involved in effecting compensation has been referred to WASHINGTON.

Pending settlement could PALESTINE Jewish Agency or some philanthropic body reimburse in full all immigrants holding receipts for sums up to pound sterling ten and all others ten percent of total value handed in.

All duplicates of receipts here have been checked and found correct. Each immigrant carries with him his own original receipt.

ACTION: G-5

INFORMATION: FIN ADV DPIC FINANCE AG RECORDS

NO IN 1873 3 June 44 2140B Ref No 5737

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FROM: ACC MADN

TO : AFHQ FOR G-5

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: 5752, 3 June 1944

The following is from Resident Representative Inter-Governmental Committee on Refugees for Forward Transmission to High Commissioner, PALESTINE, cable number 4.

My cable number 3 subject, Emigrants Currency.

Mr. J. SCHWARTZ of the Joint Distribution Committee has just instructed me to inform you that his committee will advance forthwith in PALESTINE currency to the emigrants the sums up to 10 pounds sterling and 10 per cent of totals as mentioned in my cable number 3.

Further, he is working out plans for a total early clearance of whole amount surrendered.

In this connection please contact Mr. VITELIS Central Bank JERUSALEM and show him this telegram.

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3 IS REF NO. 5690 MC IN 737 2/6/44 G-5

ACTION: G-5

INFORMATION: SGS
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MR MURPHY
MR MACMILLAN
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PRIORITY

FROM: AGC MAIN

TO: : AFHQ FOR G 5

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: 5737, 3 June 1944

Following from Resident Representative Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees for forward transmission to High Commissioner, PALESTINE.

Cable number 3, subject currency surrendered here by Jewish Immigrants. Financial principle involved in effecting compensation has been referred to WASHINGTON.

Pending settlement could PALESTINE Jewish Agency or some philanthropic body reimburse in full all immigrants holding receipts for sums up to pound sterling ten and all others ten percent of total value handed in.

All duplicates of receipts here have been checked and found correct. Each immigrant carries with him his own original receipt.

ACTION: G-5

INFORMATION: FIN ADV DPIC FINANCE AG RECORDS

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G-5 Section
APO 512

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G-5 383.7-5

3 June 1944

SUBJECT: Immigration to Palestine

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission, APO 394.
(additional copy all papers attached for Resident Representative IGCH)

Reference is made to the attached copy letter from HQ AAI under reference AAI/5115/A(PS) of 2 May, with copy of 650 Gen Tpt Coy letter of 17 April attached thereto, and to GHQ MEF memorandum 79964/AGI(c) of 24 May.

1. These papers are forwarded for information, and in case reference should be made to you by local authorities. It will be noted that the personnel for whom immigration certificates to Palestine are requested are believed to be domiciled in Hungary and Roumania. There cannot, therefore, be any question of their immediate movement.

2. The Office of the British Resident Minister at AFHQ has agreed to refer the matter to the High Commissioner, Palestine, and to request of the latter whether it would be possible for immigration certificates to be issued in the names of these persons and for the papers to be held over until the individuals for whom they might be drawn should be contacted. The views of the High Commissioner will be forwarded to your Headquarters in due course.

W
D. G. WALKER,
Major.

for CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

Copy (with enclosures) to:-

Headquarters AAI - your AAI/5115/A(PS) of 2 May refers.
The Office of the British Resident Minister
The Office of the American Political Advisor - attention
Representative War Refugee Board.

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FROM: ACC MAIN

TO: AFHQ FOR G-5

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: 5690, 1 June 1944

Following from Resident Representative Inter-Governmental Committee for forward transmission to High Commissioner PALESTINE cable No. 2 and to Inter-Governmental Committee LONDON, cable No. 3.

1. Subject. Immigration into PALESTINE. First group of 300 heads of families, total 571 individuals has sailed. Adults over 18 men 270, women 194, children 107 of whom 2 years and under number 14.

2. Captain KORN, US Army, is in charge of whole group.

3. Accompanying documents:

(A) Alphabetical nominal roll with age, sex, birthplace of each individual and with official number of each head of family.

(B) Travel identity cards bearing same official numbers are held by each head of family.

(C) Duplicate currency receipts are held by each head of family for all currency handed in here.

(D) Full personal record sheets of whole group.

Captain KORN holds documents (A) and (D) and also letters from ME to High Commissioner and Chief Secretary.

4. Finance. I understand Allied Control Commission will indicate to PALESTINE basis for compensation.

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in respect of surrendered currency. Most immigrants will remain penniless until problem settled.

ACTION: G-5

INFO: SCS
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MR MURPHY
MR MACMILLAN
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
G-5 Section
APO 512

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27 May 1944

G-5: 383.7-5

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Jews

TO : The Office of the British Resident Minister

Reference is made to your memorandum 35/150/2 of 21 April.

1. Attached are two copies of a nominal roll of Jewish persons in Ferramonti camp whose names do not appear on the list forwarded by the High Commissioner, Palestine. ACC reports that an appreciable number of the individuals mentioned on the attached list have been selected for immigration into Palestine. These will presumably leave Italy among the group of 573 immigrants of which details are given by the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission in their signal IDP 5263/55-1 of 24 May.

2. In case the authorities concerned should think that only those persons whose names appear on the attached list, and are desirous of entering Palestine, now remain in Southern Italy, attention is requested to ACC signal 5362 of 21 May in which application is made for the allotment of additional certificates for 800 principal immigrants.


D. G. WALKER

Major

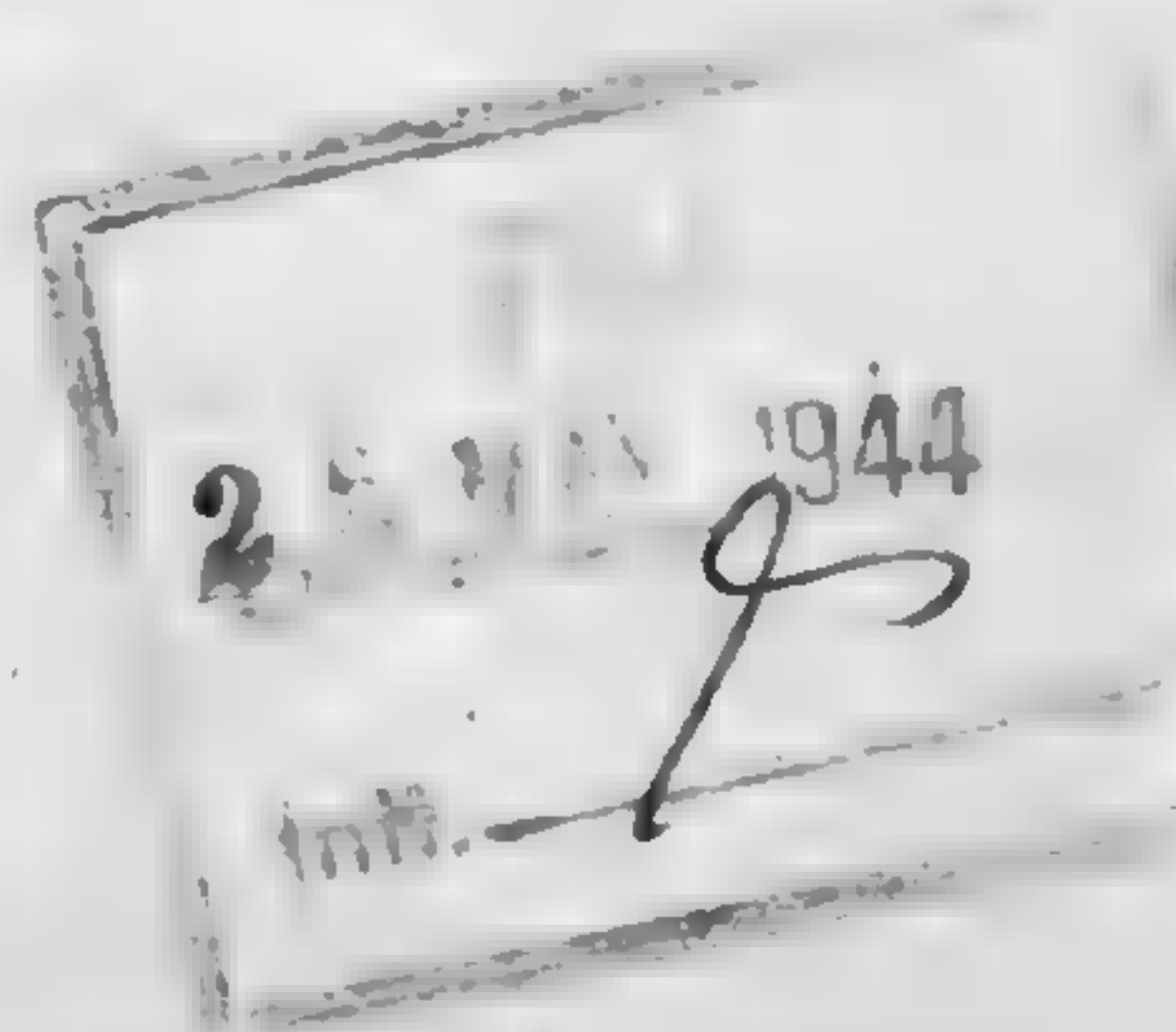
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Colonel, G.S.C.,

Asst. Chief of Staff, G-5.

Incl:

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TO: FOR ACTION: ACC MAIN

FOR INFO : DISPER BARI

REF NO : F 49363

SIGNED : SACMED CITE: FHMG8

Subject is immigration Jewish refugees ex ITALY into PALESTINE. Refer our F 48566 of 20 May and your 410/80/CA of 20 May.

In view information Paragraph 2(D) your letter reference will not be made to High Commissioner. As SHERTOX delegated authority arrangements should proceed as in our F 47410 of 18 May.

ORIGINATOR: G-5

AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, CAPT

INFORMATION: SGS
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PRIORITY

FROM: ACO MAIN

TO : AFHQ FOR G 5

REF. NO. THIS MESSAGE: 5362, 21 May 1944

For transmission to IGCR LONDON and High Commissioner PALESTINE from REATHCOTE SMITH.

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→ Important subject: Immigration permits for PALESTINE.

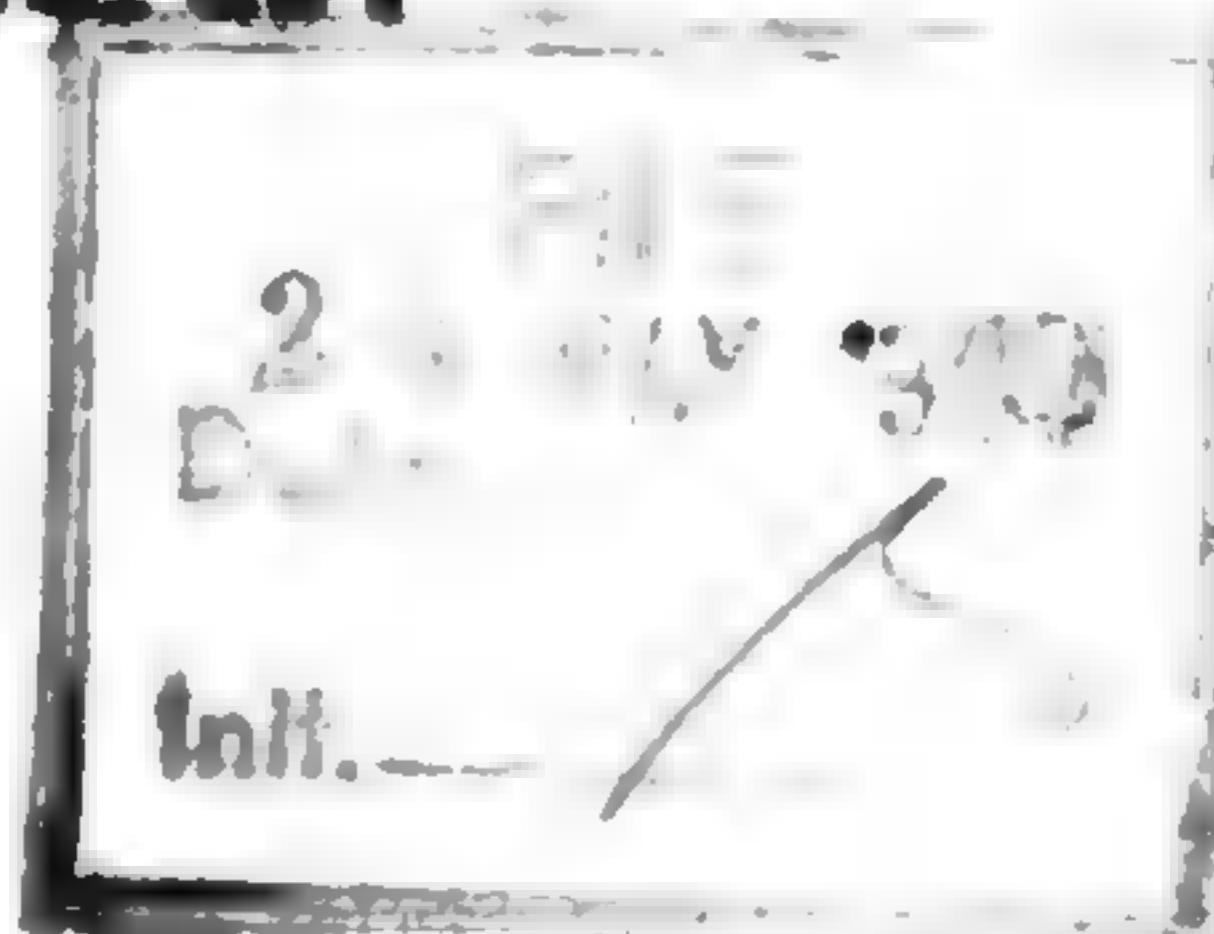
1. Cable number 1. Apart from authorised despatch of 300 Jewish heads of families with dependents probably sailing first week June, There are in South Italy maximum further 1000 Zionist heads of families with dependents.

2. Of these 600 are urgent cases many having been waiting in internment up to 5 years.

3. Request urgently authorisation in principle for further early admission of maximum 800 heads of families with dependents. Preliminary work of provisional selection can be rapidly completed now pending arrival of Jewish Agency Representative for final issue of immigration certificates.

4. Rapid de-parture of this further convoy would be welcomed by Allied Authorities to clear camps prior to inevitable influx as Allies advance northwards."

MC IN 13155



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NOTE: HAS BEEN RELAYED TO FAIRBANKS

ACTION: G-5

**INFORMATION: SGS
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MR MURPHY
MR MACMILLAN
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TO FOR ACTION: ACC MAIN

REPEATED : DISPER BARI

REF NO : F 48566

SIGNED : SACMED CITE: FHMG8

Reurad 5297 of 19 May.

Subject is Representative Jewish Agency.
Before receipt your message understood SHERTOK was in ITALY.
Message from HEATHCOTE SMITH to IGCR, LONDON, now for-
warded by RESMIN who also taking up question appointment
Representative Jewish Agency to ITALY direct with Foreign
Office.

Request report indicating who selected
Jewish immigrants in absence SHERTOK who was authorized
by High Commissioner, PALESTINE, make selection. Before
evacuation immigrants ex ITALY necessary we obtain approval
High Commissioner to selection on behalf Palestinian
Government by individual responsible.

ORIGINATOR : G-5

AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, CAPTAIN

INFORMATION: SOS
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MR MURPHY
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TO FOR ACTION: ACC MAIN

INFORMATION : DISPER BARI AND FAIRBANKS

REF NO : F47410

SIGNED : SACMED CITE: FHMGS

Reurad 5141 of 17 May.

Subject is immigration Jewish refugees to PALESTINE
ex ITALY.

Progress report noted. You should arrange transportation to PORT SAID with ADNAP in accordance Paragraph 3 our F36025 of 22 April. Movements here advise transportation will be by IXP convoy. All immigrants must be in possession certificates. Notify MIDEAST repeated AFHQ and MILPAL for High Commissioner, PALESTINE, of arrangements in advance quoting (A) MIDEAST A1/94525 of 22 April, (B) MILPAL 10126 of 15 April.

ORIGINATOR: G-5

AUTH: N. P. SEAGRAVE, CAPT

INFORMATION: SGS

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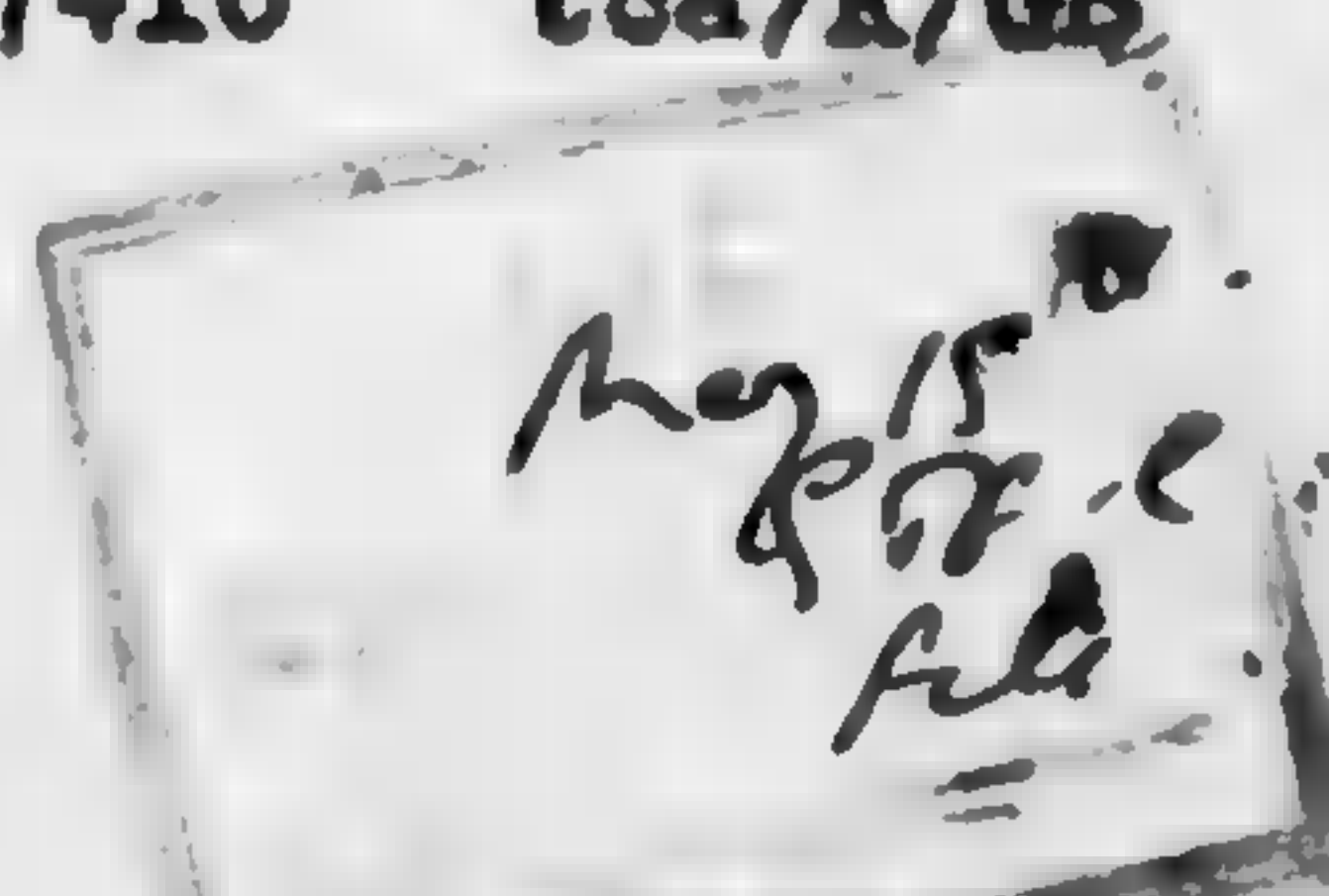
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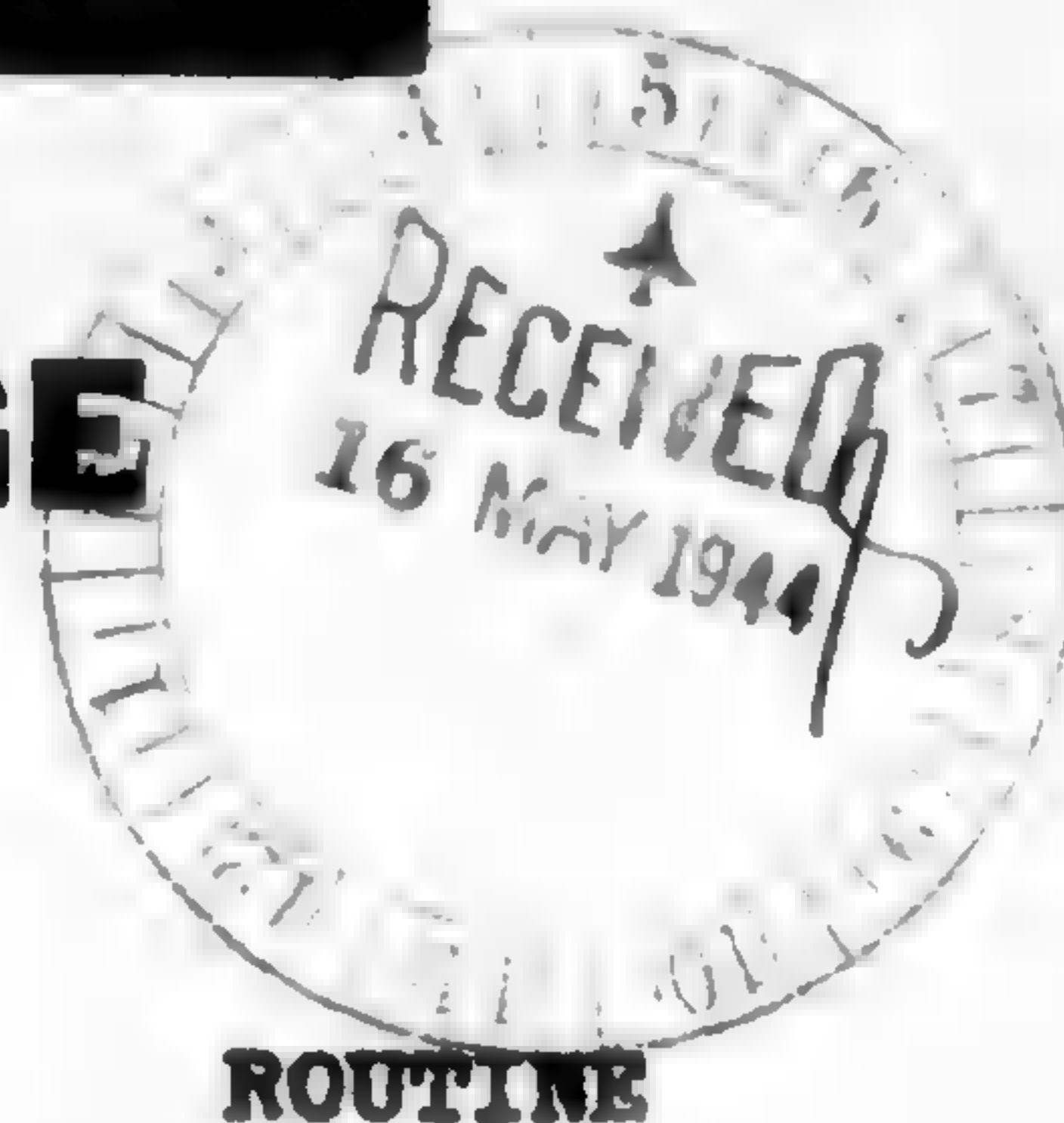
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SIGNED: SACMED

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Look at message from Resident representative IGCR. Reurad 5025 of 15 May.

1. Suggest it be made clear to LONDON that some 550 persons should be evacuated. As now stands possible interpret that only 300 heads of families will leave.

2. Not clear what representatives LONDON required expedite. PERLMAN expected leave here about 24 May as HARTLEY will confirm. MIDEAST already instructed despatch WRIGGINS. Do not know any representatives expected from LONDON nor can LONDON assist in cases PERLMAN and WRIGGINS.

3. Please clarify, particularly para 2 above.

ORIGINATOR: G-5

AUTHENTICATION: N.P. SEAGRAVE, CAPTAIN

INFORMATION: SGS

**MR MURPHY
MR MACMILLAN
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ROUTINE

FROM: ACC MAIN

TO : AFHQ FOR MGS

REFERENCE NUMBER THIS MESSAGE: 5025, 15 May 1944

The message following is from resident representative Inter Governmental Committee, for transmission to Inter Governmental Committee on Refugees, LONDON, number 1 GC/1, date 15 May 44.

"Approximately 300 Jewish heads of families, representing some 550 individuals failing unexpected circumstances should leave for PALESTINE about end of May.

Please expedite appointment here representatives HARTLEY American Friends Service Committee has arrived here. Signed HEATHCOTE SMITE".

ACTION: G-5

INFORMATION:

SGS
MR MACMILLAN
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Military Government Section

WGS 383.7-5

13 May 1944

SUBJECT: Jews from Hungary

TO : The Office of the British Resident Minister

Reference is made to your memorandum 35/172/6 of 16 April.

There is attached hereto a copy of a communication on this subject from the Allied Control Commission. As accommodation in Italy is limited, and as the present ban on the evacuation of refugees with Allied assistance cannot be enforced indefinitely, acceptance of these persons may well be dependent upon there being available accommodation for them, or for other refugees received in Italy, either in Mideast or French North Africa. Until such time as alternative accommodation can be arranged it will be necessary that these 2,000 Jews from Hungary should be considered as part of the total of approximately 15,000 refugees who have been agreed for acceptance by Mideast over and above the total already evacuated from Italy to that area. It is intended that the ban on evacuation of refugees with Allied assistance from Yugoslavia should be lifted so soon as arrangements can be completed for their reception in French North Africa.

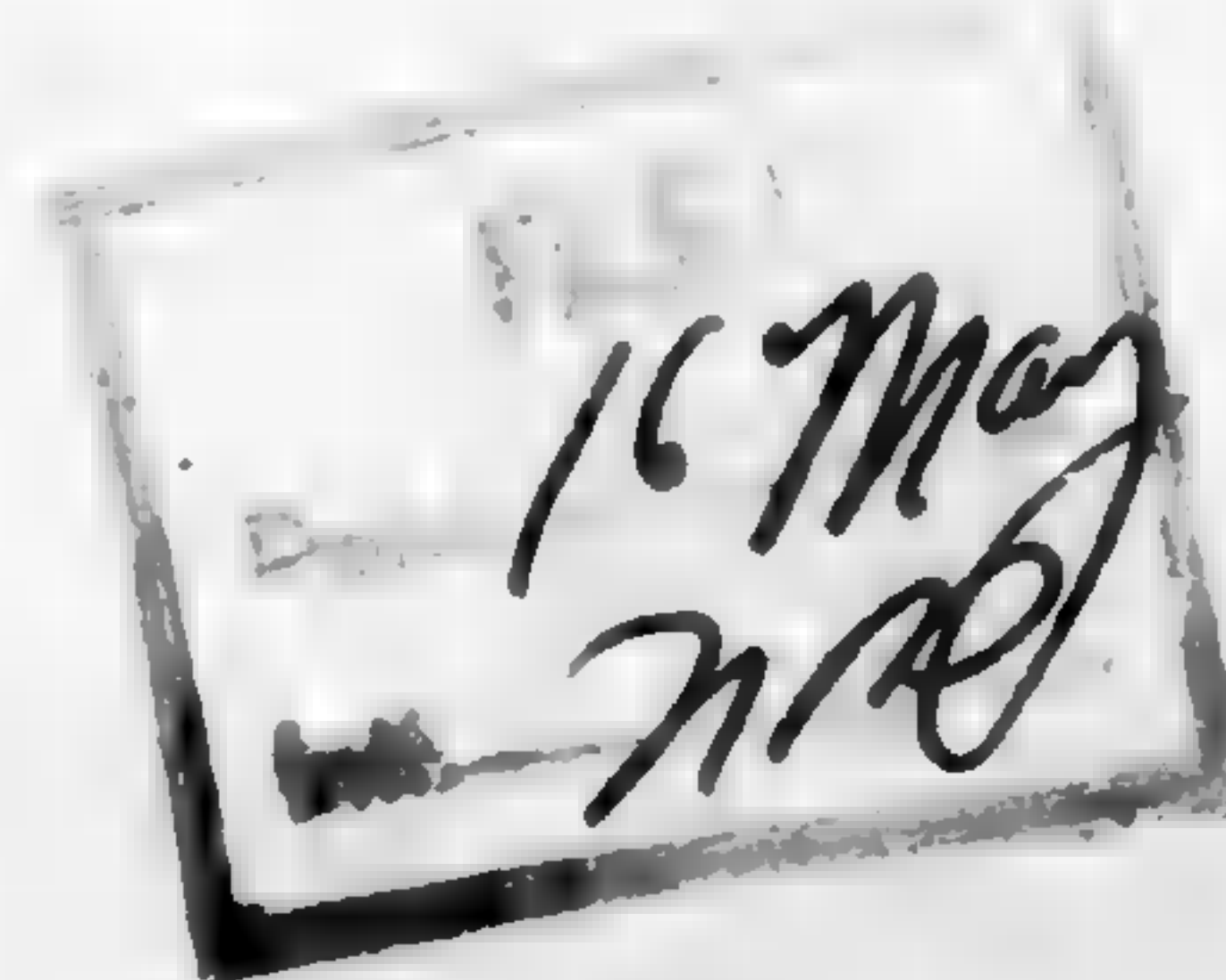
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for **CHARLES M. SPOFFORD,**
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Section.

Incl: as above

Copy to: The Office of the American Political Advisor



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Military Government Section

MGS: 383.7

13 May 1944

**SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Representation of Jewish Agency
in Italy, and proposed movement of Jewish persons
from Italy to Fedala.**

TO : The Office of the British Resident Minister.

**1. Reference is made to para 6 of the Minutes of a meeting of the
Political Committee held on 28 April.**

**2. In accordance with your request there are attached two copies
of our memorandum MGS: 383.7 of 14 April which formed the basis for dis-
cussion of these points.**

**CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G. S. C.
Chief of Section**

**Incls:
as above.**

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Note for insertion in file with MGS memorandum to the Office of the British Resident Minister under reference 383.7 of 9 May.

1. IS & PS, Offices of British Minister and American Political Advisor, and local representative of War Refugee Board have again been consulted. The position is as follows:

2. Camp

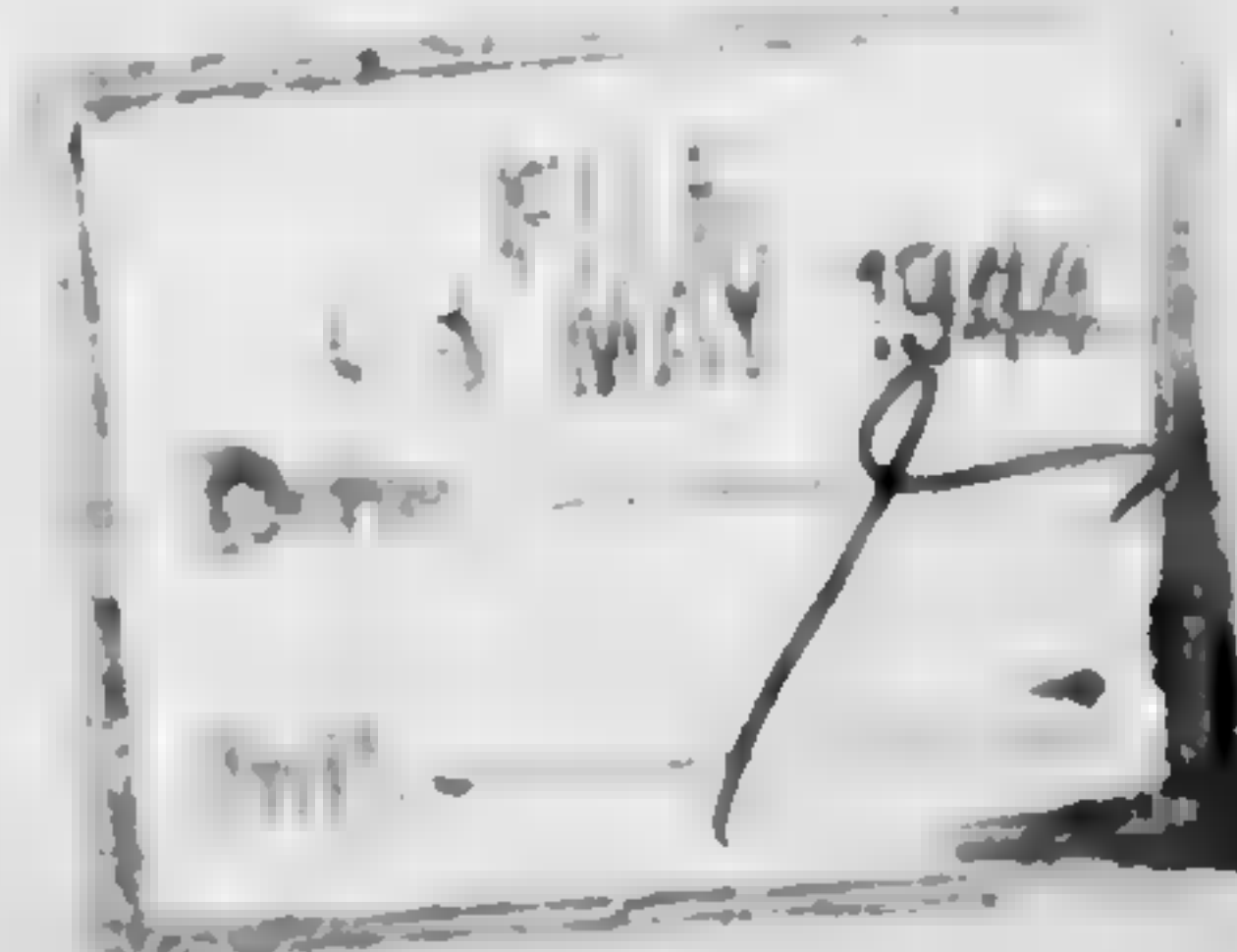
- a. Capacity - 2,000. Present holding - 54. Expected during May - 800. Expected from Spain and France later - 350. Camp set up by agreement with French for accommodation refugees from Spain.
- b. Camp at present administered by U.S. Army for American/British Governments. Turn-over to UNRRA under discussion but unlikely to be effected before mid-June. War Refugee Board reports on particulars regarding camp to UNRRA, and are in agreement proposal accept 750 Jews from Italy.

3. Action Suggested - with approval parties mentioned in para 1.

- a. War Refugee Board representative to obtain from UNRRA formal agreement to move of 750 Jews from Italy.
- b. British and American Ministers then to obtain approval their respective Governments.
- c. Contingent on foregoing, Ministers to approach French and obtain agreement acceptance Jews from Italy.

4. Details of holdings in camp and expected arrivals received by representative War Refugee Board on 7 May.


D.G.W.



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HEADQUARTERS ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION

Office of the Chief Commissioner

APO 394

Ref: 410/54/CA.



SUBJECT: Jews from Hungary.

TO : Allied Force Headquarters,
(Military Government Section).

I refer to your MGS: 383.7-5 of 18th April 1944.

1. I have no objection in principle to accepting not more than 2000 Hungarian Jews in Italy.

2. The actual number acceptable, when the time comes, must depend on the capacity of my camps. At present the maximum capacity of Ferramonti Camp, where I should probably accommodate the Jews from Hungary, is 1600. If more equipment can be found this could be increased to 2000.

3. It must be understood, however, that any agreement is conditional on the rapid and regular evacuation of (a) immigrant Yugo Slavs to Middle East, and (b) existing Jews to Palestine and Bedala.

4. You will also, I am sure, realise that my future commitments with regard to Jews and others in the rest of this country are imponderable and that it would be unwise for me to be more specific at this time.

MS MacL.
Brig.

for

NOEL MASON MACFARLANE,
Lieutenant General,
Chief Commissioner



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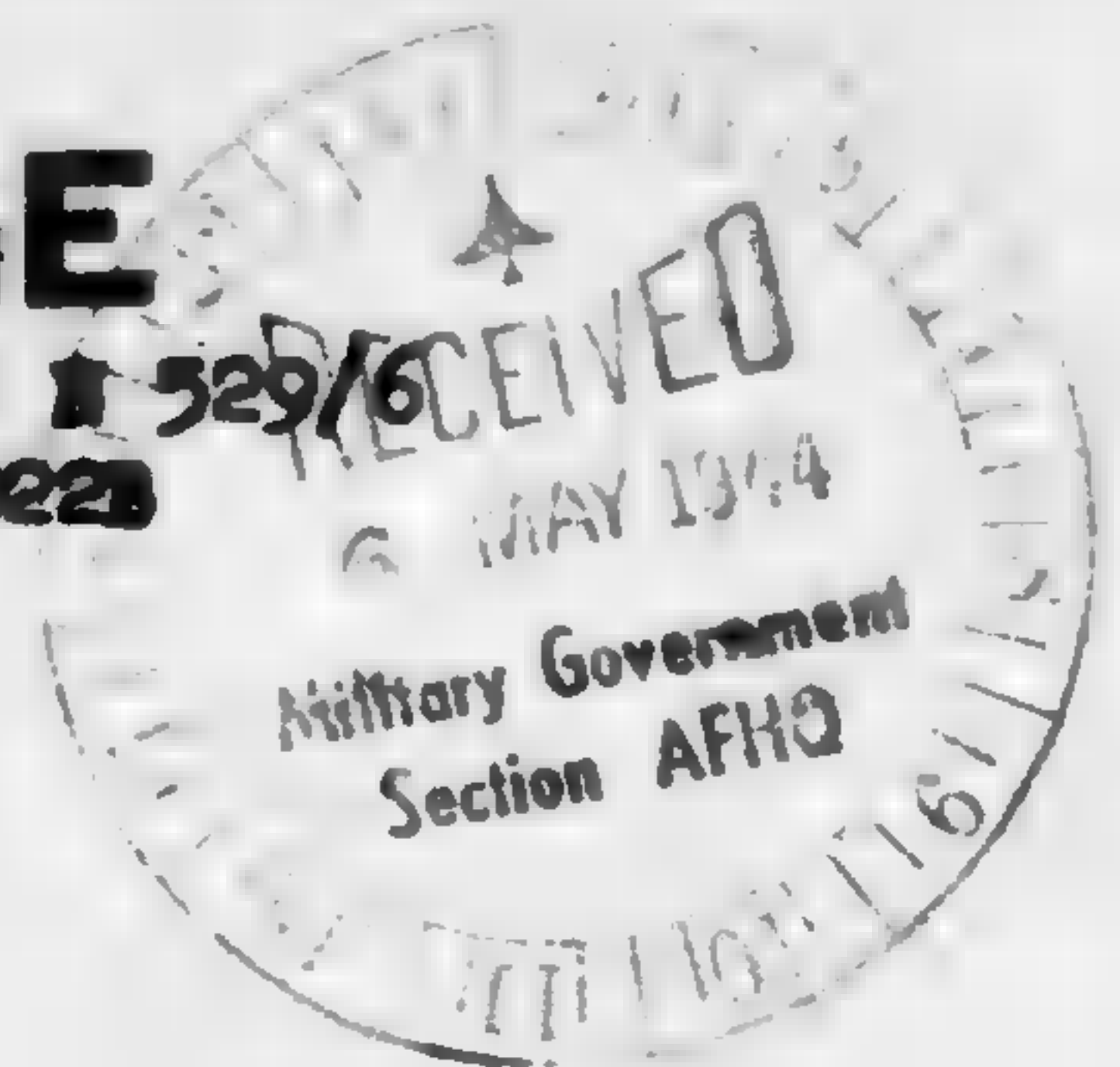
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ROUTINE

FROM: DISPER BARI SIGNED FINDLAY

TO: ACTION MIDEAST INFORMATION FREEDOM ACC MAIN

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: 5214/60-5, 5 May 1944

Reference MIDEAST AI/96043 of 27 April.

OTTO POLLAK and HANS POLLAK NOT same person. Latter is son of OTTO and now serving in Czech Unit UK.

OTTO POLLAK in possession of notice visa granted for entry PALESTINE, reference-M-1516-40 of 15 September 1940 by Commissioner Migration PALESTINE.

Request MIDEAST advise if this certificate still valid.

AI/96043 IS MC IN 16964 27/4/44 MGS

ACTION: MGS

INFORMATION:

SGS
G-2
G-3
CAO
LIAISON
IS&PS
MR MURPHY
G-1
G-1(B)
M&TN
MR MACMILLAN
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MC IN 3470

6 May 44

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+ 201 Pollak, Otto

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TO FOR ACTION: ACC MAIN

REPEATED: DISPER BARI

REF NO: F 41250

SIGNED: CINC CITE: FEMGS

Refer our F 38469 of 27 April.

Subject is Immigration Jewish Refugees now in ITALY to PALESTINE.

1. Further information received from High Commissioner, PALESTINE, finalises position as follows.

(A) 240 new certificates may be issued to principal immigrants.

(B) Over and above these 240 as in (A) additional certificates up to maximum 73 may be issued to veteran Zionists at FERRAMONTE, as specified para 1 (B) our F 36025 of 22 April as being already in possession certificates and of whom 64 were listed in our MGS 383.7/5 of 24 Apr.

2. Amend our F 38469 of 27 April deducting certificates in respect of 73 individuals named, or to whom certificates already issued, from gross total of 313 certificates.

ORIGINATOR: MGS ✓

AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, CAPTAIN

INFO:

SGS

CAO

G-1

G-1 (B)

G-2

LIAISON

MR MURPHY

MR MACMILLAN

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SECRET

FROM: MILPAL

TO: FREEDOM

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: II/151, 3 May 1944

MC CONNEL

PERSONAL FOR GENERAL WILSON FROM GENERAL

Reference your F 35346 of 21 April. Following from Officer administering the Government for you. Begins:

"Jewish refugees in ITALY. As described in my signal of 21 April, a total of 313 certificates for principal immigrants from ITALY has now been authorized. That is to say, 240 for new selections plus 73 for veteran Zionists at FERRAMONTE already in possession of valid authorities for admission to PALESTINE. If, as indicated in your telegram under reference, there are 60 refugees in addition to above who hold valid certificates, they may be added as principal immigrants, thus giving total of 373 principal immigrants who may be sent here under present arrangement."

F 35346 MC OUT 5310 21-4-44 MGS

ACTION:

MGS

INFORMATION:

SGS

CAO

G-1

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LIAISON

MR MURPHY

MR MACMILLAN

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MC IN 1588

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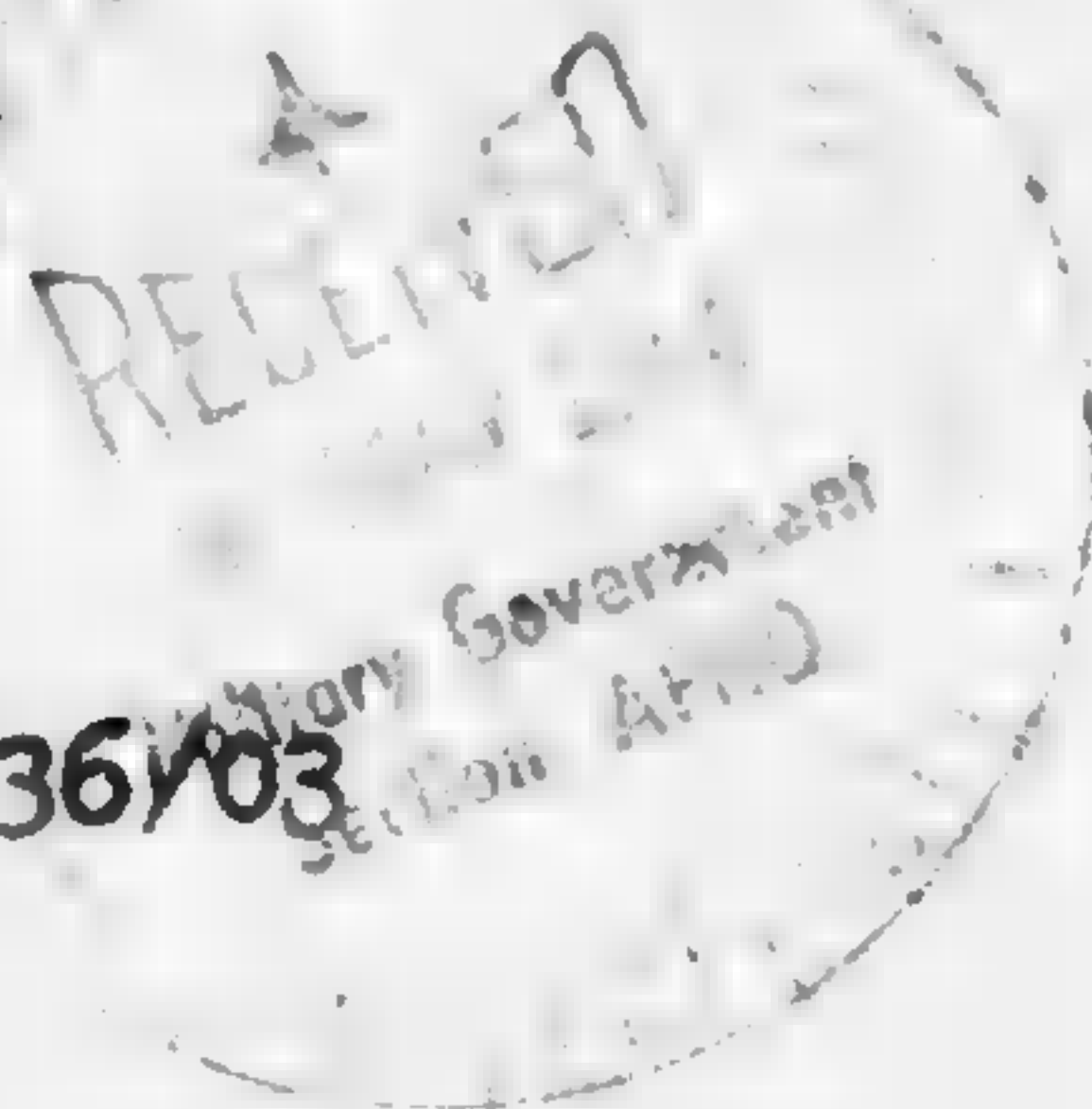
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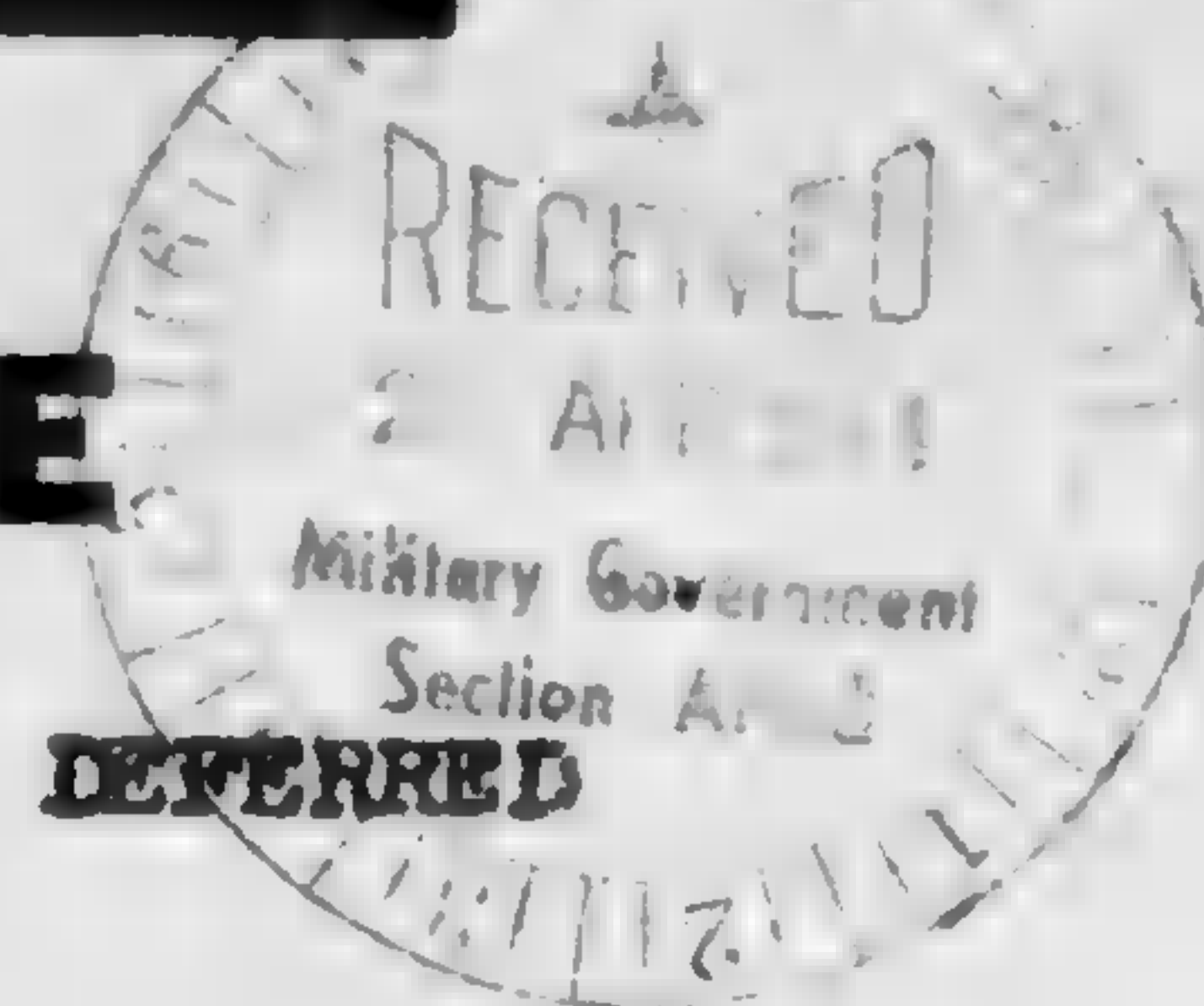
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TO FOR ACTION: ACC MAIN

FOR INFO: MIDEAST

REF NO: F 38703

SIGNED: CINC

CITE: FBNGS

Refer MIDEAST A1/96043 of 27 April.

Noted that HANS POLLAK appears in nominal roll supplied by High Commissioner, PALESTINE, forwarded under our MGS 383.7-5 of 24 April. Possibly this is same individual, otherwise OTTO POLLAK cannot be included under para 1 (B) our F 36025 of 22 April. Please clarify information MIDEAST direct.

ORIGINATOR: MGS AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE CAPT

INFO: G-2
CAO
LIAISON
G-1
G-1(B)
MR MURPHY
MR MACMILLAN
SGS
AG RECORDS

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TO FOR ACTION: ACC MAIN

FOR INFO: DISPER BARI

REF NO: F 38469

SIGNED: CINC

CITE: FHMG

Refer your message no reference of 26 April.

Look at our MGS 383.7-5 of 24 April with copy to DISPER BARI.

Immigration certificates in respect of each of 54 individuals named will be deducted from gross total of 300 certificates. New certificates thus remaining for distribution total 236.

ORIGINATOR: MGS

AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, CAPT

INFORMATION: SGS
M&TN
MR MACMILLAN
LIAISON
G-1(B)
IS&PS
CAO
MR MURPHY
G-2
G-1
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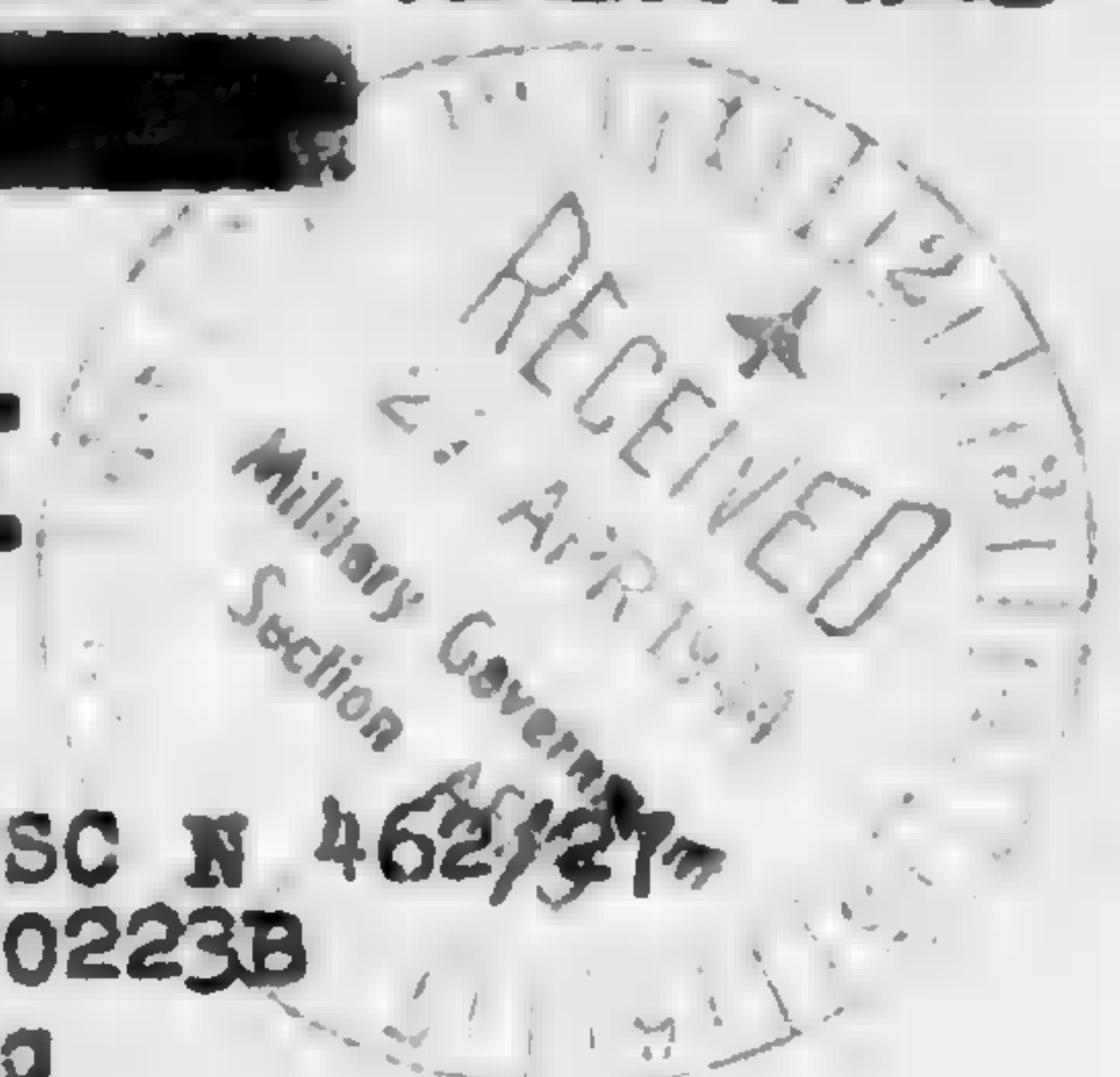
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FROM: FATIMA

TO : FREEDOM FOR MGS FOR ACTION REPEATED DISPER BARR FOR INFO
REF. NO. THIS MSG: NONE, 26 April 1944

383.7-5

F 36025 of 22 April noted and am grateful to
High Commissioner.

We can only trace 53 actual certificates issued
under (B) but presume this will not affect Palestinian
Government's decision to issue only 227 new certificates.
Naturally we should prefer to send 300 all told, namely
247 under (A) and 53 under (B).

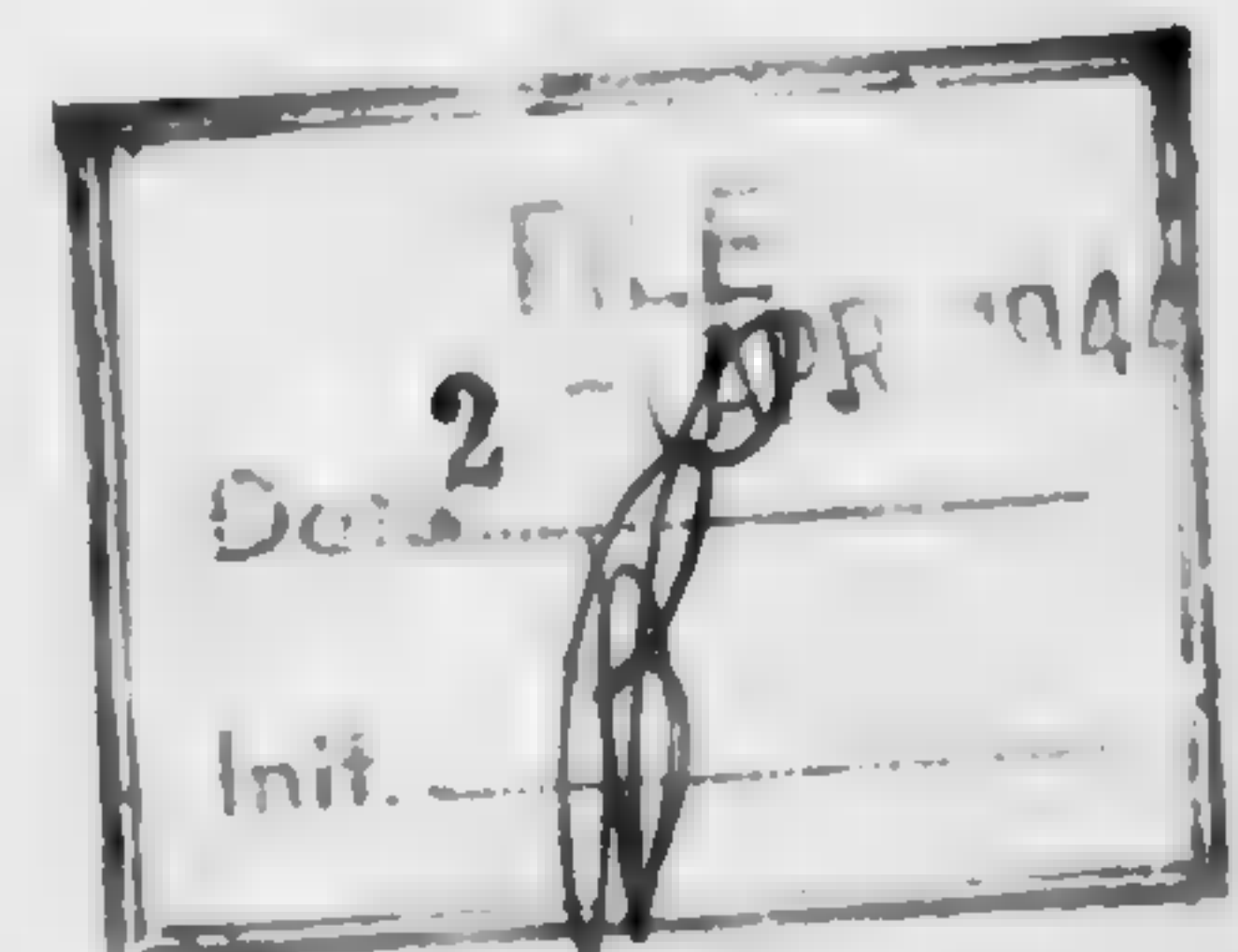
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NOTE: F 36025 is MC OUT 5737 22/4/44 MGS

ACTION: MGS

INFO: SGS
M&TN
CAO
MR MURPHY
MR MACMILLAN
G-2
LIAISON
G-1
G-1 (B)
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*Ref. 383.7-5
x201 Shuloh*

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ROUTINE

FROM: MIDEAST

TO: FREEDOM REPEATED (MILITARY ?) *? Milpal*

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: A1/94525, 22 April 1944

For FHMGS.

Your 33654 17th April last para.

Request immigrants be despatched Port SAID. All must have immigration certificates.

FOOTNOTE: 33654 MC OUT 4321 17/4/44 MGS

ACTION: MGS

INFORMATION: SGS
CAO
MR MURPHY
MR MACMILLAN
G-1
G-2
G-3
G-1 (B)
IS&PS
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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS

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Military Government Section

WGS 383.7-5

24 April 1944

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Jews

TO : Headquarters, Allied Control Commission -
Attention A.C. and M.G. Section

Reference is made to our cable F 36025 of 22 March, and to preceding cables in this series.

1. Attached is a copy of a memorandum and of a list of names received in this Section from the office of the British Resident Minister at A.F.H.Q. It will be seen that there are 64 persons listed, and we assume, as does the British Minister's office also, that these are the same individuals to whom reference is made in your cable 3553 of 21 April (copy sent by you to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission) as being already in possession of certificates, although you put the total of such persons at sixty.

2. These 64 persons should be included in the total of 300 principal immigrants for whom immigration certificates for Palestine have been allotted, in accordance with arrangements previously notified. If some of these 64 cannot be found or identified then the total of 300 principal immigrants must be reduced pro rata, since certificates made out in favour of specific named individuals cannot be issued to persons other than the individuals so specified.

3. It is requested that you will ensure compliance with para 2 of the attached memorandum, and also that the report requested in para 3 may be forwarded to this Headquarters in triplicate as early as possible in order that we may approach the authorities concerned with a view to obtaining further certificates in the near future.

4. As it is believed that the process of selecting immigrants is now under way a copy of this letter, with enclosures, is being sent direct to the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.



[Signature]
P. G. BAKER,
Major.
for CHARLES W. SPOFFORD,
Colonel, G.S.C.,
Chief of Section.

Copy to (with enclosures): Displaced Persons Sub-Commission,
c/o H. No. 2 District, C.M.F.

April 25. 1944
Q.T.C

Office of the British Resident Minister
at Allied Force Headquarters,
5, rue Professeur Crutillet,
Algiers.

35/150/2.

To: Military Government Section.

From: British Resident Minister's Office.

Subject: Jewish Refugees in Italy.

Reference: Freedom cable to Milpal P.33654 of
April 17th (MC OUT 4321.)



The Colonial Office have received a despatch from the High Commissioner for Palestine containing a list of names of persons in Italy who may be granted visas for Palestine forthwith. The list of these persons is attached in three parts (1) persons in the Ferramonte Camp entitled to "individual" certificates; (2) persons in the Ferramonte Camp who are included in the Jewish Agency lists of Veteran Zionists and (3) persons included in the Jewish Agency lists of Veteran Zionists who are believed to be at or near Ferramonte but are not actually in the Camp.

2. All these persons may be granted visas for Palestine at once, the visas to be endorsed with the authority M/99/43/CLS. In the single case of Lea Marberger (No.4 on the first list) who is a resident of Palestine the visa should be endorsed with the authority MC/99/43/G.

3. In addition the High Commissioner has asked if the Camp authorities could be requested to submit a report regarding the balance of the Jewish refugees at Ferramonte giving particulars of (a) adults between the ages of 18 and 35 years physically fit for hard work and (b) adults between the ages of 18 and 45 years skilled in a trade and physically fit to engage in their calling.

A. Rumbold
— 50.

21st April, 1944.

(1) Individual certificates:

David Maestro - Category B (iii)
Paul Cahn - Category A (i)
Hans Pollak - Category A (i)
X Lea Marberger - Resident of Palestine.

(2) Included in the Jewish Agency lists of Veteran Zionists:
(In the Ferramonte Camp.)

Mirka Neuman
Rudolf Hafner
Eugen Klein
Yakov Lachmann
Boris Nemirovsky
Dragutin Schreiber
1 Gisela Rosenberger

(3) Included in the Jewish Agency lists of Veteran Zionists:
(At or near Ferramonte but not actually in the Camp.)

1. ADLER Alfred	and wife	
2. BENEDIKT Betty Mrs.	and children	
3. BLITZER Lewek		
4. BRANTWEIN Alfred		
5. BREUER Eduard	and family	E/3425
6. BROMBERGER Markus	and wife	
7. BUKSPAN Uziel (Ksyel)	and wife	
8. CYTER Icak		
9. EHRENFELD Joseph	and wife	
10. EHRLICH Alexander	and family	
11. FARKAS Gisela	and son	
12. FERDINAND Aladar		
13. FERTIG Abraham		G/3712
14. GEWUERTZ Pinkas		
15. GOTTSELIG Manes		
16. GLAS Mendel		G/3823
17. GLEISNER Melanie		
18. GRASMAN Schmiel (Szmuel)		
19. GRUBER Sure		
20. HAUSER-KIRSCH Bronka	and daughter	H/1825
21. HAHN Malvine		
22. KLEINBERGER Adolf		
23. KOHN Lazar Dr.		
24. KIRSCH Wolf	and family	K/3420
25. KIRSCH Echezkiel		K/3727
26. LEWIN Hirsch		
27. LAUTERMANN Jakob		
28. LOEFFLER Ettela	and daughter	
29. MARTONOWICZ Alice		
30. METZGER Henni		
31. MORGENSTERN Abraham		
32. NIEDER Sigmund		
33. ORENSTEIN Alex Dr.		
34. PRESSBURGER Janka	and children	
35. REBHUN Markus		R/2997
36. RING Hermann		
37. RINGER Lieber		
38. ROSENZWEIG Chaim		
39. SEINWEL Leopold		
40. SCHWARZ Jakob		SH/3897
41. SIMON Eberhard	and family	S/1130

(3) -contd-

42. SMIETANKA Leib		
43. STEINBERG Isak		
44. TRAMER Hugo		
45. UNGAR Josef		
46. WALD Schachne		
47. WEIHL Aron		
48. WEINBERGER Ignatz Dr.	and wife	
49. WEINBERGER Emilie		
50. WEINBERGER Josef		W/1947
51. WERNER Bernhardt	and wife	
52. WITTENBERG Selma Mrs.		
53. ZYLBERMANN Josef		

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ROUTINE

TO: FOR ACTION: FATIMA

FOR INFORMATION: MILPAL, MIDEAST, MOV ADNAP

REF NO: F 36025

SIGNED: CINC

CITE: FHM38

Refer your 3553 of 20 April.

1. Information received from High Commissioner, **PALESTINE**, clarifies position regarding certificates as follows.

(A) Certificates for 300 principal immigrants have been allotted.

(B) These 300 include certificates previously issued to named individuals whom High Commissioner puts at 73 against your estimate of 60.

(C) Certificates thus available for distribution to Jewish refugees for principal immigrants excluding (B) total approximately 227.

2. High Commissioner confirms **SHERTOK** may select immigrants.

3. Immigrants can be received in **PALESTINE** at any time, preferably for disembarkation **HAIFA**. Movements here advise direct lift **HAIFA** impossible. You should arrange transportation in **IXF** convoys with **ADNAP** notifying this Headquarters of arrangements in advance and repeating **MIDEAST** if immigrants have to be routed via **EGYPT**.

4. For **MILPAL**, Your cable, no reference, 21 April from High Commissioner answers our F 35346 of same date.

5. For **MIDEAST**. Refer para 3 our F 33654 of 17 April. Have you any comments.

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REF NO: F 36025

ORIGINATOR: MGS

AUTHENTICATION: W.P. SAGRAV, CAPTAIN

INFORMATION: M & TN

COORDINATED WITH: M & TN

SGS

CAO

MR MURPHY

MR MACMILLAN

G-2

LIAISON

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G-3

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MC OUT 5737

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HEADQUARTERS,
ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION,
APO 394

Regional Control and Military Government Section.

RECEIVED
22 APR 1944
27-1-5
22nd April 1944

Ref: 157/60/CA.

SUBJECT: Jewish Immigrants to Palestine.

TO : Displaced Persons Sub-Commission,
c/o Hq. No. 2 District, C. M. F.

1. I refer to FREEDOM telegrams F.27287 of 5.Apr, F.32675 of 15.Apr, F.33653 of 17.Apr and my telegram FATIMA 3553 of 20.Apr.

2. Mr. Shertok of the Jewish Agency in Palestine who has come here with proper credentials from London and AFHQ, came to see me. He explained that his primary mission was to assist in the selection of Jews who should be given the 240 certificates issued by the Colonial Office for immigration into Palestine. He suggested that Elias Grunschag should be nominated head of the Jewish communities in camps in order to make this selection. Acting upon FREEDOM telegram F.32675 I rejected this proposal and stated that I thought it preferable for him to work directly with you and make the selection himself. If Mr. Shertok should reiterate to you his suggestion about Grunschag, you should likewise reject it. I assume that he is non persona grata with His Majesty's Government.

3. Mr. Shertok assumed that the majority of Jews would be found in Ferramonti Camp. I explained that some might be found in other camps and that you would clarify this.

Done
4. The 60 certificates referred to in my telegram FATIMA 3553 of 20.Apr are, as you probably know, certificates issued to Jewish candidates for immigration by the Palestinian Government (or the Colonial Office) prior to our occupation and probably prior to Italy's entry into the war. I very much hope that permission will be given for these to enter Palestine and you should act on the assumption that they can but at the same time should so arrange matters that they are retained in this country without confusion if permission cannot be granted.

5. You will notice that the certificates are issued to principals but cover an undefined number of dependents of these principals, that is to say, wives, children under 18 years of age, fatherless children under the same age and relatives other than the foregoing (e.g. aged parents) who are, or who will be, wholly and directly dependent for maintenance upon a principal immigrant.

6. Mr. Shertok, having selected the principals with you, will also assist you in screening the dependents and determining their number. When this has been done you should wire the total number showing adults and children in sexes. Arrangements can then be made with AFHQ and Mideast for transport to Palestine.

7. Mr. Shertok will be at Ferramonti Camp during the morning of 24th April and thence proposes to go to Bari. I have already advised you to send a senior member of your staff to Ferramonti Camp to begin the selection with Mr. Shertok who will probably be accompanied by Sept. Urbach, Jewish Rabbi of 57 Area.

8. Mr. Shertok, as we are advised in AFHQ telegram 32675, raised the question of the attachment of Jewish military officers to the Commission.

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ALLIED FORCE HEADQUARTERS
Office of the Allied Commander-in-Chief

15 April 1944.

MEMORANDUM TO: D.A.G.
G-1 (B)
AFHQ

Mil. Gov.

Mr. Shertok dined with the CAO night 14/15 and raised the following points:

1. He is going to Bari today, 14 April, and wishes to visit the Jewish refugees at Faramonte. If you have no objection, would you please wire permission to Shertok, c/o the Chief Rabbi, c/o Nares No. 2 District.

2. Shertok wishes to depute Elias Grunschag of Graz, Austria, to be nominated the head of the Jews in this place. Grunschag has been selected by the Jewish Agency. He will select the 300 agents from Palestine.

Paragraph 3, underquoted, is being taken up by General Gammell with General Paget during the CGS' visit to Mideast:

3. Shertok would like permission on returning from Bari to visit the Palestinian Bn now at Benghazi but he cannot do so without your permission. I am not certain how Gen. Paget comes into this so can only pass on the message.

Sh Chapman Walker

M. CHAPMAN-WALKER,

Lt. Col., MA to

Supreme Allied Commander-in-Chief.

Head of Jewish Agency
Sec. of State
A. War. Home
Jacobs + Montefiore
Frum. Lett
Jew Chaplains
B. & A. A. A. A.

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Shertok
Jewish Agency
Faramonte
Bari

I demurred at any such appointment on the Headquarters of this Commission but I promised to discuss with you the advisability of appointing a Jewish officer to your Sub-Commission. I myself in other territories have found such an appointment to be most useful, perhaps because I have been lucky in the personality of the officer appointed. In considering this proposal we must remember that your Sub-Commission is only at the beginning of its real work in dealing with displaced persons in Italy. Hitherto you have been concerned largely with immigrants into this country. In future, when territory in the North falls into our hands, you will be faced with many thousands of persons displaced in this country and a high percentage of those persons will be Jews. I believe that a Jewish officer on your Staff under your control would be of greater assistance to you than the missions of all the other nations which work with you at present. I believe, also, that any accusation of discrimination which such an appointment might raise can be met by the answer that the Jews will probably form the largest numbers of displaced persons in the future.

9. It must also be remembered that the Jewish military units in this country have already shown the greatest concern for displaced Jews and are even now furnishing them with every kind of assistance unofficially. It would, I think, be better if this were regularised which would be more possible if you had an officer, chosen perhaps from one of these units, on your staff.

10. I should like you to discuss this matter with Mr. Shertok and to let me know your conclusions and recommendations. Mr. Shertok should be given every assistance, not only in the task of selecting the Jews for immigration, but in visiting the camps. You should also discuss with him the possibility of selecting a further 1000 Jews (gross) in the event of the French and American authorities being able to arrange for their journey and immigration to the United States.

*Presumably this refers to the
Fedala project*

MSL/JG

Brigadier,
Executive Commissioner.

Copy to: *Sec. General for*
Chief Commissioner.
M.G.A., A.P.H.Q.
Political Section.
Region II.
Mr. Shertok.

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ROUTINE

FROM: HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR PALESTINE

TO : AFHQ

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: NONE, 21 APRIL 1944

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Personal for General WILSON from General MCCONNEL.

Following message from High Commissioner for you.

"Your signal of 17 April, F 33653.

33654?

"Jewish refugees in ITALY. Your surmise corrects certifs for 300 principal immigrants had been allocated already but a total of 73 certifs must be discounted in respect of veteran Zionists at FERRAMONTE whose bona fides have already been established and who are already in receipt of valid authorities for admission to PALESTINE. The actual balance is slightly less than 240 but I am prepared to leave this number available for SHERTOK selections.

"Immigrants maybe received in PALESTINE at any time and it would be convenient to this administration if they could be disembarked at HAIFA".

ATTN INVITED TO F 33653 MC OUT 4320 17-4-44 MGS

383.7-5
x 210.482
x 201 SherTok

ACTION: MGS

INFORMATION:

SGS CAO MR MURPHY
G-1(B) G-2 G-1
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MR MACMILLAN
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ROUTINE

FROM: FATIMA

TO : FREEDOM FOR M.G.S. FOR ACTION RPTD DISPER BARI

REF. NO. THIS MESSAGE: 3553, 20 APRIL 1944

SHERTOK (G.E.)?

Your F 33653 of 17th April.

Presume 240 certificates now issued by Colonial Office are exclusive of 60 certificates issued to named individuals previous to our occupation and that Palestinian Government will accept 300 principal immigrants with dependents.

Will wire total number in due course.

Agree SHERTOK should select. He suggested GRUNSCHAAG whom I rejected. Will keep you informed.

F33653 MC OUT 4320 17/4/44 MGS

ACTION: MGS

INFO:

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TO FOR ACTION: MILPAL

REF NO : F 35346

SIGNED : WILSON CITE: FMGS

Refer your 10126 of 15 April and our F 33654 of 17 April.

Subject is immigration Jewish refugees now in ITALY to PALESTINE. 60 Jewish refugees now in ITALY already hold certificates in own names and were moving to PALESTINE when shipwrecked on RHODES and afterwards interned in ITALY previous to Allied occupation. Presume these may be added to 240 certificates issued by Colonial Office and that Palestinian Government will accept 300 principal immigrants with dependents.

Please confirm. SHERTON could check validity of certificates.

ORIGINATOR : MIL GOV SEC AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, CAPTAIN

INFORMATION: SGS
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TO FOR ACTION: MILPAL
REPEATED : MIDEAST
REF NO : F 33654
SIGNED : WILSON CITE: FHMG8

Reference your 10126 of 15 April.

Noted from your message that 240 certificates have been made available for Jewish refugees in ITALY for immigration to PALESTINE, and that permit in addition covers undefined number persons wholly dependant upon these principal immigrants. Now in ITALY is SHERTOK, head of Jewish Agency, whom PUS War Office has advised is to select approximately 300 Jewish refugees for whom certificates already allotted for immigration to PALESTINE. We surmise that certificates for which SHERTOK is to make selection are the same as those mentioned in your message. Please confirm and that High Commissioner approves selection by SHERTOK of candidates to fill quota of 240 certificates allotted.

ALSO request you indicate when immigrants can be received in PALESTINE and whether they should be transported via MIDEAST. We will advise you of final total and give advance notice when they will be ready for movement. None will be moved pending your reply.

For MIDEAST. If immigrants are to be moved via EGYPT request you state port to which they should be transported and indicate any special provisions you wish to be observed.

ORIGINATOR : MGS ✓

AUTH: G T FULLERTON-CARNEGIE,
CAPTAIN

INFORMATION: SGS

COORDINATED WITH: MR. MACMILLAN

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TO FOR ACTION: FATIMA FOR LUSH

REF NO : F 33653

SIGNED : CINC CITE: FHMGS

Ref our F 32675 of 15 April. Subject is admission to PALESTINE of Jewish refugees from ITALY.

Notification has been received from High Commissioner, PALESTINE, that Colonial Office has made available 240 certificates for principal immigrants for "Refugees from FERRAMONTE". We surmise these certificates may be the same as those mentioned in our F 32675 but SHERTOK should be able to clarify. Permit for 240 certificates covers in addition undefined number dependents of these principal immigrants, that is to say wives, children under 18 years, fatherless grandchildren under same age, and also relatives other than the foregoing (for example aged parents) who will be wholly and directly dependent for maintenance upon a principal immigrant. High Commissioner estimates that resulting total may be about 500.

No decision yet as to temporary appointment of Representative Jewish Agency as mentioned in our F 27287 of 4 April. Suggested therefore that SHERTOK selects immigrants and we will confirm with PALESTINE Government that this is acceptable to them and inform you. We will also enquire of High Commissioner and MIDEAST as to arrangements for transportation refugees to PALESTINE of which none should be moved pending further instructions. Please report on progress indicating date when whole group or part thereof will be ready for movement.

ORIGINATOR : MGS AUTH: G T FULLERTON-CARNEGIE, CAPTAIN

INFORMATION: SGS G-3
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FROM: MILPAL

TO : AFHQ

REF NO THIS MSG: 10126, 15 April 1944

Personal for General WILSON from General MCCONNEL.

Following message from High Commissioner for you.

Admission to PALESTINE of Jewish refugees from
ITALY.

I have been asked by Secretary of State for the Colonies to inform you reference a telegram to you from War Office on this subject that 240 certificates for principal immigrants available for refugees from FERRAMONTE. This permit covers in addition an undefined number of dependents of these principal immigrants that is to say wives, children under 18 and fatherless grandchildren under that age and also relatives other than the foregoing (E.G. aged parents) who will be wholly and directly dependent for maintenance upon a principal immigrant. It is estimated that the result may bring the total figure up to approximately 500.

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4/4/44 MGS.

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14th April 1944.

To: FREEDOM.

From: PUS.

Ref.No. 86705.

PERSONAL FOR GENERAL WILSON FROM P.U.S.

In continuation of Secretary of States Telegram No.85862 of 11th April understood that SHERTOK will press you to allow him visit Jewish refugees especially at FERRAMONTI and select 300 to go to Palestine in places already allocated and provisionally select additional numbers to be included in any re allocation of permits granted by High Commissioner to Jews in Italy. Colonial Office advise that unless there is strong contrary Military views Shertok should be given permission. We regard this as a matter for your decision in light of military situation. Understand SHERTOK will raise such as against following points.

- (1) If selection of Refugees for Palestine is not done by him it should be done by Grue-Schlag(?). The Colonial Office advise not repeat NOT desirable.
- (2) He will press for attachment of Jewish Military officer to Allied Control Commission to assist with Jewish matters. This is not a proposal we here should support.

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Copy to:

Resident Minister,
D.A.G. G.I. (British).

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TO FOR ACTION: FATIMA FOR LUSH.

FOR INFORMATION: DISPER BARI AND DISTWO

REF NO: F32675

SIGNED: CINC CITE: FHNGS

Now in ITALY is Mr SHERTOK of Jewish Agency who was to be at BARI on 14 April. Visit of SHERTOK to ITALY for purpose inspection PALESTINIAN Units British Army has been approved. He desires also visit FERRAMONTE ex-internment camp and other localities in which are Jewish refugees to select certain Jewish persons (total believed 300) for whom PALESTINE immigration certificates understood to be already issued. He may also wish provisionally select additional numbers Jews to be included in any future allocation of certificates granted by High Commissioner PALESTINE to Jews in ITALY. SAC directs that SHERTOK should be allowed visit camps, but that if he suggests ELIAS GRUNSCHAG of Jewish Agency should be nominated head of Jewish communities in camps, or proposes latter should select Jews for immigration to PALESTINE, this should not be permitted.

SHERTOK may press for attachment Jewish military officer to ACC to assist in Jewish matters. If so this should be referred here where proposal, together with proposal temporary appointment representative Jewish Agency as in our F27287 of 4 April, is under consideration.

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For DISTWO. Please inform SHERTOK, care of
Chief Rabbi, Care of NARES that he may visit refugee camps under
arrangements to be made by FATIMA.

ORIGINATOR: MGS

AUTH: CHARLES M SPOFFORD, COL

INFORMATION: SGS
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MGS: 383.7

14 April 1944

SUBJECT: Representation of Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, the Jewish Agency, and of Allied Red Cross and other Welfare Organizations in Italy.

TO : The Chief Administrative Officer.

I. DISCUSSION

1. Present arrangements are that civilian relief in Italy is dispensed by the combined American and British Red Cross. Relief is dispensed without discrimination as to nationality or religious belief. The Italian Red Cross is being re-organized for operation solely in relation to Italian nationals, and is functioning to a strictly limited extent in Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia. The International Red Cross has established agencies in Naples, Palermo, and Cagliari, but is not concerned with civilian relief. Supplies have been received by both the American and British Red Cross, and further supplies are phased for delivery to the former from the United States.

2. The problem of civilian relief in Italy may most easily be reviewed by dividing those persons who are in need of relief into two main groups, i.e. Italians, whether displaced or resident, and all other categories. Many of the resident Italians are in as much need as any category or nationality of refugees or displaced persons, and to these must be added approximately 50,000 Italians who have been displaced by reason of military operations and are now homeless and often destitute, and whose numbers are likely to increase by perhaps 10,000 to 15,000 monthly. The magnitude and urgency of this aspect of the general relief problem has resulted in the greater part of the facilities and attention of the combined American and British Red Cross being devoted to its solution. Of the non-Italians in need of relief Yugoslavs constitute the bulk; Jews, whether Yugoslav or of other nationalities, represent a special problem. In respect of the Belgian, Dutch, French, Greek, Norwegian and Russian displaced persons the general rule is that there are either none at all or very few, and that those few have been or are being transferred elsewhere by their National Missions, with assistance easily provided by the Allied Control Commission. Similarly, the Polish and Czechoslovak Missions are looking after their displaced nationals, although the Polish Mission is likely to assume little responsibility for Jews, many of whom have been long absent from Poland. Yugoslavs trans-shipped to Italy from the Dalmatian coast are being evacuated to Mideast, and require only that adequate arrangements shall be made for their administration during transit through Italy. Primarily, then, the continuing task of the Allied Control Commission, apart from the problem of Italian nationals in need of relief, is that

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of caring for Jews, whether Yugoslav or of other nationality, or whether stateless in law or in fact.

3. Very few, probably under 1,000, of Italy's normal Jewish population of about 40,000 are in South Italy, but of these about half are displaced and many destitute. Of the foreign refugees who have been in Italy for two years or more there appear to be about 20,000 in Southern Italy. Among the 5,000 alien Jewish refugees in Italy perhaps 2,250 are Yugoslavs, and the remainder are principally of German, Austrian, Czech, or Polish extraction. In enemy occupied Italy it is estimated that there are about 50,000 non-Jewish Yugoslavs, and 15,000 non-Italian Jews who will later become a commitment.

4. Present arrangements for the relief of Italians, whether resident or displaced, are considered satisfactory, but it is recommended that steps should be taken to ensure the dispensation of adequate relief, and where possible to arrange for the repatriation or evacuation, of non-Italian displaced persons in Italy, particularly Jews. To this end it is desired that a Resident Representative of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees should be appointed to Italy. The suggestion that a representative of the Committee should be appointed was made in a cable in November 1943 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff (TAB "A"), but at that time it was felt that a decision as to whether a representative should be appointed should be deferred until after the visit of the Vice-Director of the Committee to Italy (TAB "B"). The Vice-Director, Mr. Patrick Malin, has now completed his visit and we have had the opportunity to discuss with him the problems of relief in, and the evacuation of displaced persons from, Italy. The appointment of a representative would be of considerable assistance both to this Headquarters and to the Allied Control Commission, to whom he would be attached, in facilitating the evacuation or repatriation of displaced persons. The individual nominated by the Committee as their Resident Representative in Italy is Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith, lately H.B.M. Consul-General in Alexandria. The majority of the alien displaced Jews in Italy of other than Yugoslav nationality desire to emigrate to Palestine. The Palestinian Government, however, make selection a condition precedent to immigration, and as it is impracticable to effect selection outside Italy it is desired to make avail of the offer of the Government to send temporarily to Italy a representative of the Jewish Agency with full powers to issue immigration certificates. It is possible that some 2,000 immigration certificates might be obtained, and in that event there would only remain in Southern Italy some 750 alien Jews of other than Yugoslav Nationality who have already indicated that they wish to go to other countries than Palestine. As it is considered desirable that they should be evacuated from Italy, it is recommended that approach should be made to the French authorities with a view to arranging their movement to the Refugee Camp at Fedala, near Casablanca, where they would be in charge of UNRRA who, with the Intergovernmental Committee, would be responsible for their ultimate disposal. The Allied Control Commission have agreed to the foregoing proposals. (See cables TABS "C" and "D"). The movement of these refugees, particularly to Fedala, may take an appreciable time, in which case in view of the present heavy commitments of the Combined American British Red Cross in Italy, and of the needs of alien

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Jewish and Gentile refugees, it may be desirable to attach as a staff for the Resident Representative of the Intergovernmental Committee, and to work under his auspices, representatives of British or American relief organizations not at present represented in Italy. The Vice-Director of the Committee has agreed to this suggestion, and the matter will be raised in the future if there should be cause. It is considered that because of the absence of any numbers of Allied Nationals in Italy, other than Yugoslavs, the present policy excluding Allied Red Cross organizations other than the British and American from participating in civilian relief in the country should remain in force, but that this policy should be confirmed by the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

II. RECOMMENDATIONS

That approval be given to:-

a. The appointment of Sir Clifford Heathcote-Smith as Resident Representative of the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees with the Allied Control Commission.

b. The despatch by the Palestinian Government on a temporary basis of a representative of the Jewish Agency to work under the auspices of the Resident Representative of the Intergovernmental Committee with the Allied Control Commission in the issuance of certificates for immigration to Palestine.

c. The proposal that the French authorities should be approached with a view to arranging the movement of some 750 Jewish refugees to the Camp at Fedala.

d. The enforcement of the present policy excluding Allied Red Cross organisations, other than the British and American, from Italy, and to the submission of this policy to the Combined Chiefs of Staff for confirmation.

III. CONCURRENCES

Given by G-2, and the British and American Ministers.

Incls:
as above

CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
Chief of Section

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SUBJECT: Travel to Italy - Enzo and Giorgia LEVI de ARIAN
TO : Civil Affairs

1. Reference is made to your letter of February 9 to Political Section, Allied Control Commission, Naples, concerning the requests to return to Italy from Bolivia of the above named persons, a copy of which was sent to this section.

2. For your information the question of Dr. and Madame ARIAN's return to Italy was referred to this Section by Military Government Section on 10 Jan, and a reply was returned by this Section to the effect that the projected journey would not appear to be necessary to thewar effort and that permission for their return to Italy should accordingly be refused. It is understood that the M.G.S. Internal Routing Slip referring to the matter (MGS 383 - 5 of 10 Jan) was forwarded to your Section on 15 Jan.

3. We are informed that cases of this nature are normally forwarded to Military Government Section, who refer to the interested departments. It is felt that this procedure eliminates the possibility of conflicting decisions being taken in the same case by different authorities, and it is suggested that the procedure outlined might profitably be followed in the future.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2:

[Signature]
S. S. HILL-HILLON
Colonel, General Staff
G-2 (C.I.) Section

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FROM: POLITICAL SECTION SIGNED MACFARLAND PBS FARGO

TO: AFHQ FOR MGS FOR ACTION INFORMATION DISPER BARI FOR INFORMATION

REF NO THIS MESSAGE: PBS 9477, 25 Feb 1944

Cite FARGO 1297.

Reference your 54120 February 20.

Application of American Joint Distribution Committee has been discussed with representative of Intergovernmental Committee. We fully appreciate desire of the Joint Distribution Committee to send representatives to ITALY as soon as possible.

Inasmuch as however MALIN has just concluded preliminary survey Jewish refugee problem, he would prefer that representative of JDC await the arrival of permanent representative of Intergovernmental Committee in ITALY. MALIN has submitted several reports on subject and will discuss matter further early in March upon return to ALGIERS.

NOTE: 54120 IS MC OUT 5510 20/2/44 MGS

ACTION: MGS

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FROM: DIEPER BARI SIGNED KIRKWOOD

TO: FREEDOM FOR FEMGB HPTD FATIMA FOR POLITICAL SECTION

REF NO. THIS MSG: 5062, 25 Feb. 44

Cite FEMGB.

Reference your message number 54120, 20 February to DIEPER BARI from FREEDOM.

Experience this subcommission indicates undesirable to have representative of civilian organization attached without definite mission requiring action. If representative AMERICA E Joint Distribution Committee will assure the Mission of obtaining certificates of entry into PALESTINE for Jewish refugees, he could be very useful.

His attachment to this subcommission to look after interests of a particular group of refugees without definite mission requiring action is not favourably considered.

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INFO: G-1 G-3 CIVIL AFF MR MACMILLAN G-1(B)
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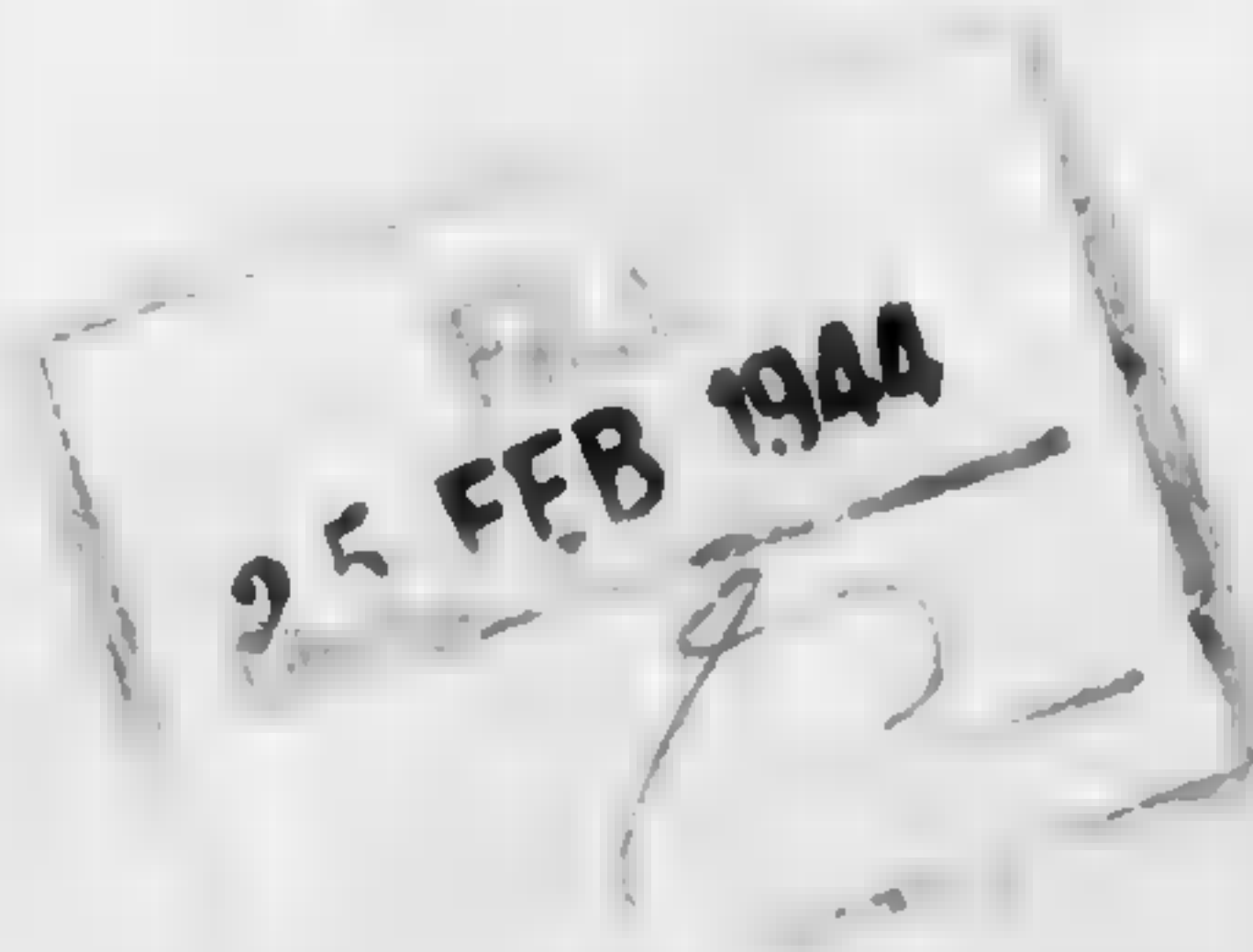
SUBJECT: Condition of Jews in Italy - Report and nominal roll.
TO : The American Joint Distribution Committee,
c/o American Consulate, Algiers (2)

Confirming conversation Mr. Max Pearlman with Major Walker of this Section.

There is no objection, from the point of view of this Section, to the transmission by you from North Africa of the attached report on the condition of Jews in Italy (dated 8 February), or of the attached list of members of the Allied Nationals Camp, Palermo.


A. T. MAXWELL
Colonel
Acting Chief.

Incls:
As above.



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Military Government Section

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MGS: 383-5

24 February 1944

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Jews.

TO : The Office of the British Resident Minister.

Reference is made to your 4/150/2 of 23 February.

Although we have no precise information as to how the list can have reached the Association of Jewish Refugees in Great Britain, it is presumed that the Civil Affairs Directorate of the War Office provided the Association with a copy of the official list forwarded by this Section.

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Colonel
Acting Chief.

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TO FOR ACTION: DISPER BARI FATIMA FOR POLITICAL SECTION ROUTINE

REF NO: 54120

SIGNED: CINC

CITE: FHMGS

Applications has been received from AMERICAN JOINT DISTRIBUTION COMMITTEE (JEWISH WELFARE AND RELIEF ORGANIZATION) for permission representative visit ITALY to make preliminary survey JEWISH refugee problems. Committee desires that on completion survey representative should depart and be replaced by another to remain permanently. Representatives willing work under control and in close conjunction DISPER and AMCROSS. Committee has funds available for relief purposes and able obtain large number family immigration certificates for Jewish entry into PALESTINE. Authorities not all agreed as to desirability representation committee in ITALY. Grateful your early views and comments by cable.

ORIGINATOR: MGS

AUTH: CAPT N P SEAGRAVE

INFORMATION: G-1
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To: Military Government Section,

From: Resident Minister's Office.

The Association of Jewish Refugees in Great Britain have informed the British Red Cross that they have received a list of the internees at Ferramonti camp from "allied quarters".

2. Do you know how the list found its way to the Association?

JM Adams

23rd Feb. 1944.

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Military Government Section

MGS: 383-5

19 February 1944

SUBJECT: Displaced Persons - Jews.

TO : American Joint Distribution Committee,
c/o American Consulate, Algiers.

Confirming conversation Mr Max Pearlman with Major Walker of this Section, on 19 February.

Attached hereto are four copies of a list of Jews who were resident in No. 1 Ex - PW Transit Camp, Gravina, Province of Bari, on 20 October 1943. It will be appreciated that there will have been considerable movement amongst this community, and that the list should not be regarded as in any way accurate.

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TO FOR ACTION: DISPER BARI

INFO: FLAMBO AND MIDEAST

REF NO: 53684

SIGNED: CINC CITE: FMGS

Reference our 52659 of 17 Feb.

MIDEAST have now agreed accept JEWS who are YUGOSLAV Nationals. Such persons who are refugees from Dalmatian Islands or YUGOSLAVIA, and not displaced persons held in ITALY prior to Allied occupation, may be evacuated to MIDEAST with YUGOSLAV Partisan refugees.

ORIGINATOR: MGS

AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE CAPT

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FROM: FLAMBO

TO : FREEDOM INFORMATION DISTWO DISPER BARI FARGO (BY HAND) ADV FORCE
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REF. NO. THIS MESSAGE: A 17469, 19 February 1944

Your 50634, of 12 February.

DISPER BARI reports total number Yugoslav refugees despatched up to and incl 9 February, 11331. Now ready for shipment approx 2700 including approx 300 Chetniks, 350 Jews. We are prepared to hold up to 11000 for short period and Adv Force 133 can import accordingly as long as that total not exceeded. Adv Force 133 state cannot yet give estimate of numbers still to come but are obtaining figures soonest.

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ALLIED CONTROL COMMISSION
R.C. & M.G. Section
APO 394

Ref/157/40/CA.



SUBJECT: Condition of Jews in Italy.

TO : Military Government Section, A.F.H.Q.

Reference your MGS 383-5 of 1 Feb. 44 and previous correspondence.

1. The following is an extract from letter dated 13 Jan 44 sent by H.Q. AMG to H.Q. A.C.C. (Brindisi):

" Para.3. It is considered that the major part of whatever information is available will be compiled by Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. It would, therefore, seem that the best course would be to send you all the information collected by us. "

2. A copy of H.Q. AMG letter to Regions I and II was sent to you for information under ref. AMG/309.28 on 13 Jan 44.

3. Pursuant to the arrangement shown by extract quoted in para.1 above the material collected was taken to Brindisi by Major Driffeld-White and handed to Lt.Col. Hammer, Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission, on 28 Jan 44.

4. Since that date Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission moved from Brindisi to Bari, and H.Q. ACC (Rear) has moved to Salerno. It is, however, understood that the report was compiled by Internees & Displaced Persons Sub-Commission and forwarded to A.F.H.Q. in the expectation that it would arrive on the due date.

5. It is regretted that, owing to mis-routing, your letter under reference, was not replied to earlier. It is also hoped that the required report has come to hand.

6. JEWISH Communities.

Reference your letter MGS 383-5 of 4 Jan 44, it has been ascertained that :

(a) there is a synagogue at Via Capella Vecchia 31, NAPLES,

(b) a Jewish Committee exists, the Secretary of which is Mr. Alexander Nattenberg, Via Luigia Sanfelice 9, NAPLES.

M. S. LUSH
Brigadier,
Executive Officer.

Handwritten notes and stamps: "Action already taken", "MGS 383-5 of 29 Jan.", "Date 21 Feb", "NPS", and a large checkmark.

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FOR INFORMATION: FLAMBO AND MIDEAST

REF NO: 52659

SIGNED: CINC

CITE: FMGS

No reply received here or MIDEAST our 42304 of 24 January.

In future no JEWS should be evacuated to MIDEAST unless in possession immig ration certificates for PALESTINE. No arrangements made in MIDEAST reception JEWS without certificates and EGYPTIAN Government will not permit them remain, nor will PALESTINIAN Government accept.

Realised that effective screening to eliminate JEWS matter of real difficulty, but such steps as possible should be taken and personnel for evacuation warned that if JEWISH and without certificates they cannot be provided for and render themselves liable to return.

ORIGINATOR: MGS

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FROM MIDEAST

TO: (1) FREEDOM RPTD (2) FLAMBO (3) EGYPT FORCE (4) MILPAL
FOR FHGAB

REF. NO. THIS MSG: A1/70777, 15 February 1944

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Jews or Arabs -
licked national-
ity.

Understand that party state less Jews being
despatched MIDEAST from ITALY in near future. Have received
no official information from you, but must emphasise no
arrangements made here for reception and EGYPT Government
will not permit holding in EGYPT. PALESTINE Government will
not accept without immigration certificates. Have these
been arranged. Request you do not despatch until position
clarified.

For MILPAL. Request you inform PALESTINE
Government.

ACTION: G-1 (B)

INFO: CAO
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②

Spoke British & Amer-
ican Ministers Offices.
Ignore "stateless" & apply
to Arab Jews.

16 Feb

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Military Government Section

MCB-383-5

9 February 1946

SUBJECT: Condition of Jews in Italy.

TO: Allied Control Commission (2 copies)

1. (a) It is desired to prevent possible duplication arising from our MCB 383-5 of 15 December, in which a report was called for on the condition of Jews in Italy. This letter was followed by another of the same reference number dated 3 January, which was in amplification of the first. Both letters were addressed to the Allied Control Commission and to the AMG CMF, and it is known that copies were received by Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

(b) A copy of the AMG CMF letter Ref/AMG/309.26 of 13 January, addressed to Regions 1 and 2 has been received in this Headquarters, but it is not certain that a copy of this letter was received by the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

2. An interim report has been received from Displaced Persons Sub-Commission under their DPF/47/192 of 30 January. A copy of this report is attached for your information.

3. A further report, in greater detail, should be forwarded as early as may be possible. This should include particulars as specified in your letter quoted in para 1(b), and should, it is suggested, be co-ordinated by Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

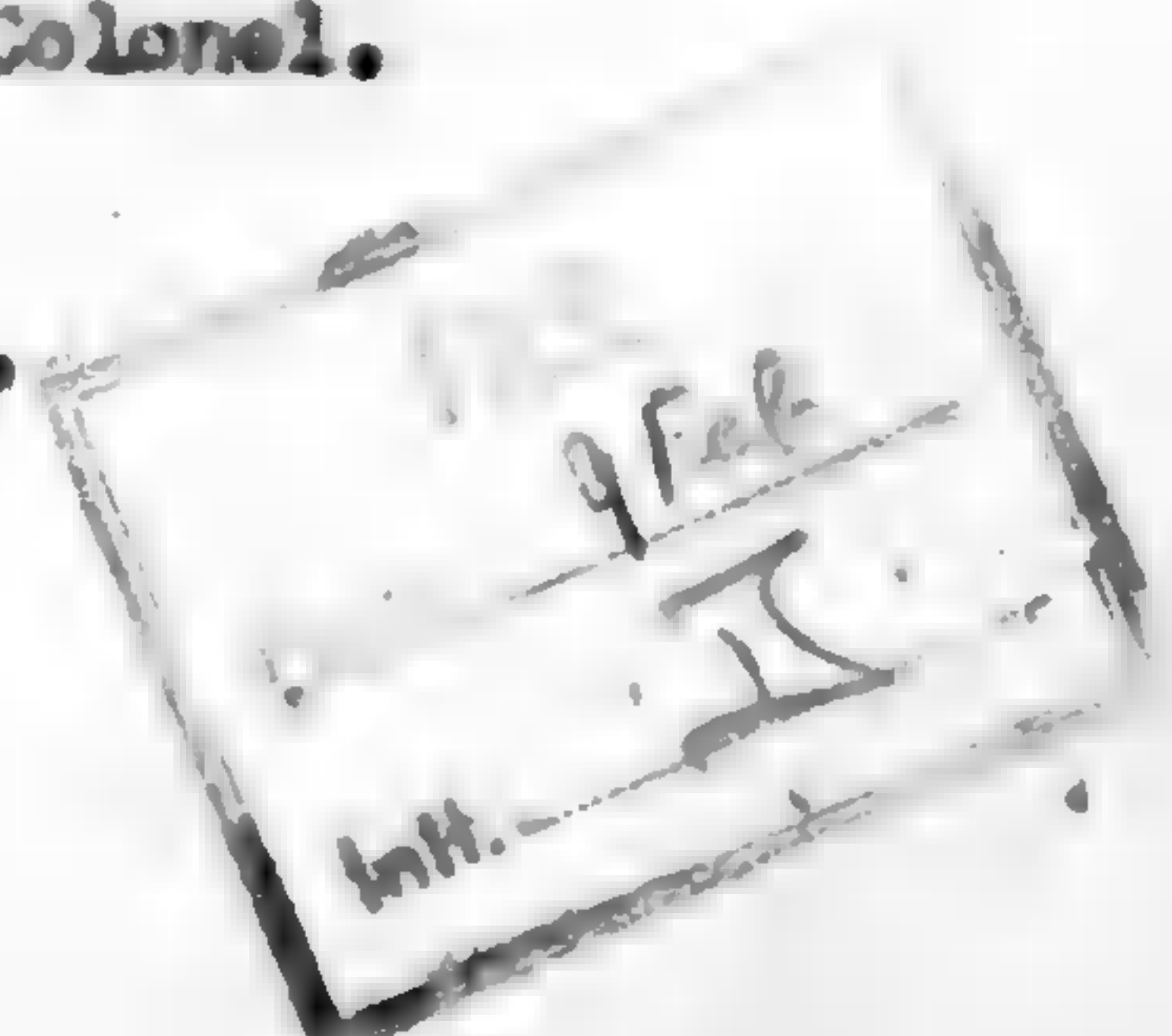
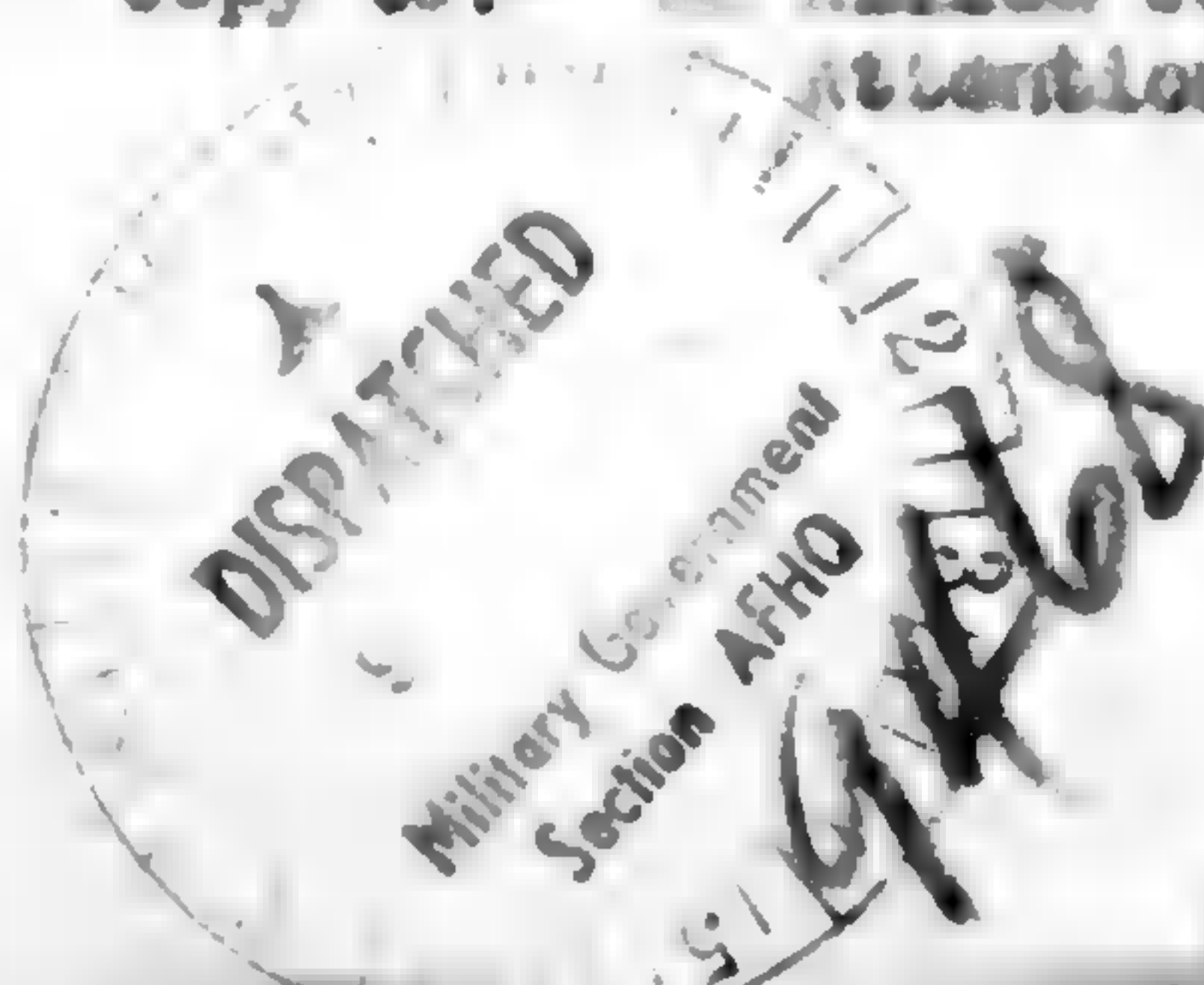
4. It is also requested that you forward, in advance of this further report, nominal rolls of all Jews held at Palermo, Ferramonti, or elsewhere under the Displaced Persons Sub-Commission. Nationality should be indicated. Nominal rolls received to date do not indicate whether personnel are of the Jewish faith.

1 Incl:

As above

Copy to:- Allied Control Commission -
Attention Displaced Persons Sub-Commission.

for
D. B. JACKLING
Lt. Colonel.



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Military Government Section

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8 February 1944

SUBJECT: Condition of Jews in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia

TO : The Secretaries, Combined Chiefs of Staff,
1901 Constitution Ave., Washington, D.C. (2) ✓

Major General J. H. Hilldring, Chief, Civil Affairs
Division, War Department, Washington, D.C. (2) ✓

Major General S.W. Kirby, Director of Civil Affairs,
War Office, Whitehall, S.W.1 (2) ✓

War Office, (C.A. 3(b)), Whitehall, S.W. 1. (1) ✓

Mr. R. D. Murphy, American Minister (2) ✓

Mr. Harold MacMillan, British Resident Minister (2) ✓

1. The attached copy of an interim report on the condition of Jews in Italy, Sicily and Sardinia is forwarded for your information, and it is requested that you will disseminate the particulars therein contained to such other authorities as may be interested.

2. Certain details contained in the report are considered to require clarification, or further explanation. These are:

(a) Prisoner of War (PW) Camps referred to in para 1 are camps established for the care and administration of Allied ex-PW recovered from the German forces, and should properly be referred to as Ex-PW Camps.

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(c) In para 3 the designation "M.I. Room" has been taken from British military terminology, and is the abbreviation for "Medical Inspection Room". It is understood that the "M.I. Room" will, in fact, be a medical centre for the care and treatment of the local Jewish community.

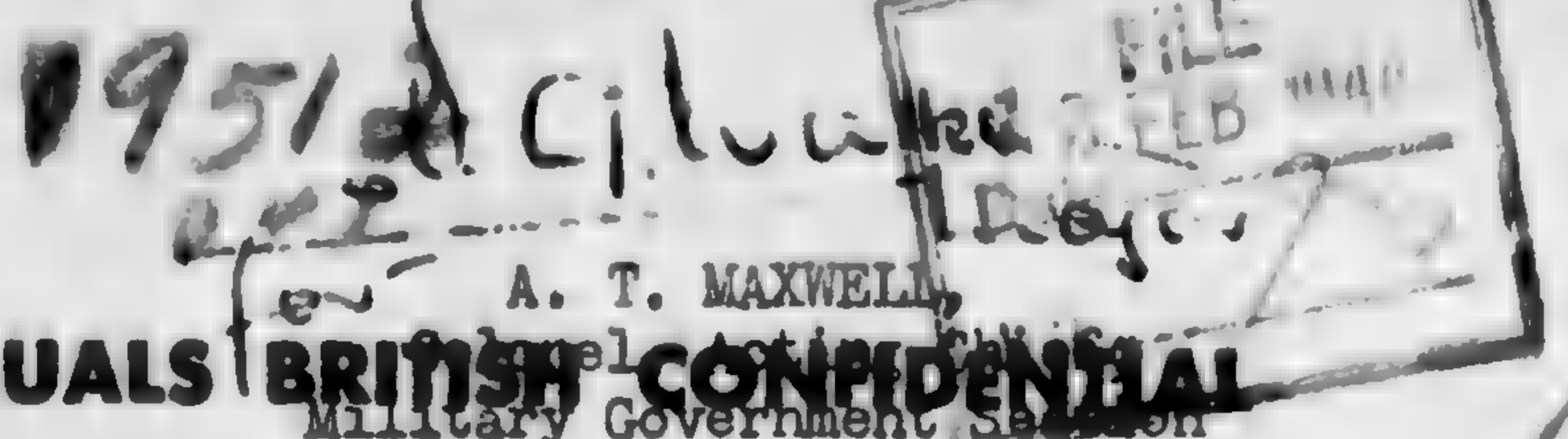
(d) Regarding medical supplies, as mentioned in para 4. Between 1 January and mid-February 800 Long tons gross of medical supplies are phased for delivery. Of this quantity 400 Long tons gross has already arrived, and the situation should be satisfactory in future.

(e) Para 8, communications. International Red Cross enquiries and message forms are now being distributed, and with the early resumption of foreign mails with Italy, Sicily and Sardinia correspondence will be greatly facilitated.

3. Further reports on the condition of Jews will be furnished from time to time. Meanwhile their interests are being watched, and such assistance as is possible will be dispensed to those in need.

Copy to: M.G. Centre

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INTERNEES & DISPLACED PERSONS SUB-COMMISSION
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IDP/47/192

30th January, 1944.

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Allied Force Headquarters.

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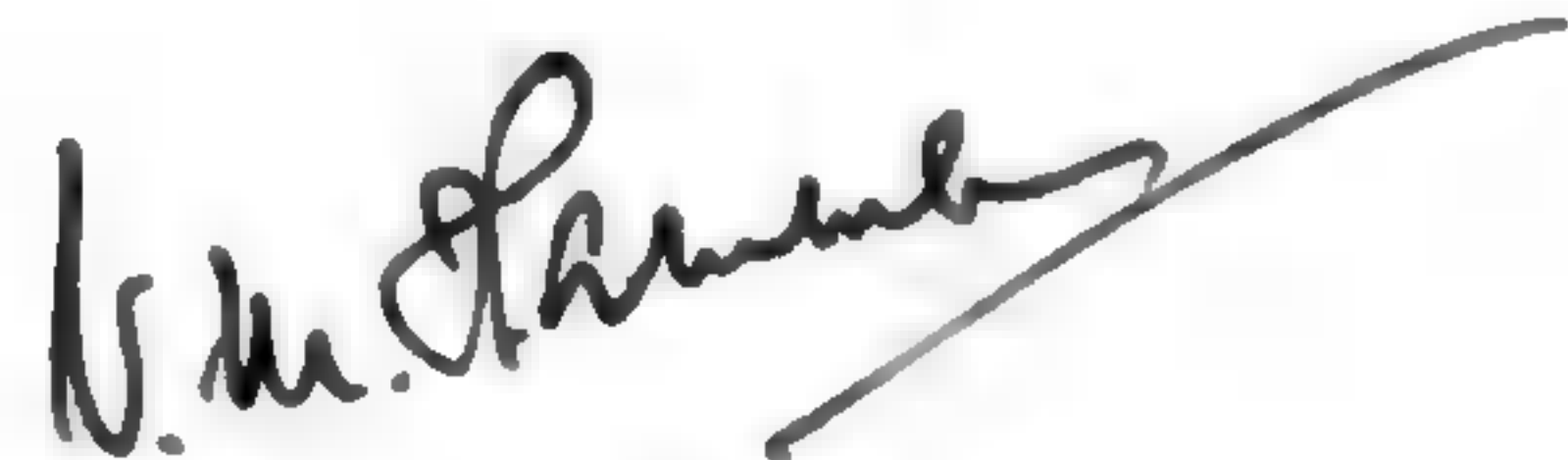
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TO FOR ACTION: FATIMA (FOR KIRKWOOD)

FOR INFO : FLALBO MIDEAST

REF. NO. 42304

SIGNED: CINC CITE: FBIGS

MIDEAST request information whether parties Yugoslavs destined MIDEAST from Dalmatians include any Jewish refugees. Reply MIDEAST direct quoting their A1/61561 of 20 January, and repeat here.

AUTHENTICATION: N P SEAGRAVE,
CAPTAIN

ORIGINATOR : NGS

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TO FOR ACTION: FATIMA FOR MACFARLANE

REF. NO: 42123

SIGNED: CINC

CITE: FHCIV

Reply urgently requested. State Department desires to be informed immediately date Italian Broadcast regarding GERMAN action against Jews.

Reference 27507 of 12 January concerning your 1676 dated 28 December.

ORIGINATOR: CIVIL AFFAIRS

AUTH: N P SEAGRAVE, CAPT.

INFORMATION: MGS
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Civil Affairs Office

January 14, 1944-15 JAN 15 1944



Memorandum to: General Julius C. Holmes,
Chief, Military Government Section.

Subject: U.S. State Department telegram No. 119,
January 12 (re: Joseph Schwartz)

The following telegram has been received from the
United States Department of State:

"For General Julius Holmes. From Murphy.

"The American Joint Distribution Committee have again brought up the question of Joseph Schwartz proceeding to Italy to make a preliminary survey of Jewish refugee problems in which the Joint Distribution Committee is interested. You will recall our discussion regarding Schwartz. I am glad to recommend him as most reliable and cooperative, and believe that it would be in our interest to grant the authorization for him to proceed to Southern Italy, it being understood that this would not establish a precedent for other private agencies. Schwartz has just departed for Lisbon and will communicate with you."

H. J. L'Heureux

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Acting Chief Civil Administrator



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Ref/A 1/305.28

SUBJECT: Condition of Jews in Italy

TO : H.C.A.G., Region I
I.C.A.G., Region II

1. The State Department, Washington, has instituted certain inquiries regarding the condition of Jews in Italy and a full report is required embracing as much detail as possible.

2. We have not been given any clear idea of the extent of the detail. It is considered that the scope of any report should cover, in respect of all Jews at present being catered for by the Internees and Displaced Persons Sub-Commission:

- (a) Names, sex, age and nationality (if not Italian born).
(b) The condition, in respect of those listed under 2. (a) above, as to:

- (1) Health
- (2) Clothing
- (3) Last news of family
- (4) Financial state
- (5) Future prospects

(Above required from Region I only, for Salerno Camp)

- (c) Communities:

Estimate of the numbers of Jews residing in communities in the principal towns in your region.

- (d) Condition of the communities given in 2. (c) above under heads listed.

- (e) Hospitals:

Details of any special Jewish hospitals or hospitals which particularly undertake treatment of Jews; to include the number of cases under treatment.

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(Condition of Jews in Italy (Cont'd.))

(f) General comments that would throw light upon the state of Jews in Italy, including answers to the following questions:

- (1) Are the synagogues open and functioning?
- (2) Are the Jews taking an active interest in politics?
- (3) Are Jewish traders operating or conducting their normal business?
- (4) Are Jews taking part or interest in local Government?
- (5) Are there any signs of Anti-Semitism?

3. We have been asked to complete the report (in conjunction with A.C.C., Hq.) by the end of the month. It would therefore be appreciated if we could have your report by Saturday, January 22, 1944, at latest.

for *Diffused White*
CHARLES M. SPOFFORD
Colonel, G.S.C.
D.C.C.A.O., AMG, HQ. *Major*
Ch.

Copy to:

AFHQ, HQS (Att. Lt. Col. Jackling) ✓
HQ., A.C.C., Brindisi

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RPTD: FARGO

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Reference FARGO's message to FATIMA of 31 December cite JGR 233.

We have not seen basic document and therefore cannot know content. But British Ministers office suggests paragraph A is unnecessary since only inhabitants of GERMAN REICH within its 1939 Frontiers are to be regarded as GERMAN NATIONALS. Suggests following definition of refugees taken from that used by Intergovernmental committee on refugees: "Persons who have had to leave their countries of residence because of the danger to their lives or liberties on account of their race, religion or political beliefs". Foregoing is for your consideration.

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Military Government Section

MGS-383-5

3 January 1944

SUBJECT: Condition of Jews in Italy.

TO : HQ Allied Control Commission
HQ AMG, CMF.

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1. It is necessary to amplify our MGS-383-5 of 15 December and to make it clear that a full report is required concerning the condition of Jews in Italy, Sicily, and Sardinia. Isolated items of information, such as that contained in FARGO cable PBS 3932 of 1 January, of which a copy is attached for the information of Allied Control Commission, will not suffice.

2. A single and comprehensive report, embracing as much detail as possible, should be forwarded to this Headquarters; the method of compilation and co-ordination is a matter for decision as between your respective Headquarters.

3. It is appreciated that there are other matters of greater importance and urgency with which you are concerned, but it is requested that the report should reach this Headquarters by 1 February.

Ca Parkman } to
Capt Segat } see

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D. S. JACKLING
Lt. Col.

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ROUTINE

FROM: PBS PENCE (FARGO FOR SPOTFORD)

TO: FATIMA FOR ACTION TO FREEDOM FOR INFORMATION

REF NO THIS MSG: PBS 3887, 31 Dec 1943

CITE JGR 233.

Reference your 1668 of 30 December.

Internment Aliens. Political repercussions fully appreciated. Propose altering paragraph 10 of basic document to read, "special consideration will be given to paragraph

(A). German Nationals who are natives of CZECHOSLOVAKIA or any other place lately incorporated into the German Reich.

(B). German Nationals who by reasons of race or religion may be considered as refugees from the German Reich and Anti-NAZI in their sentiments."

Does this meet your objections?

NOTE: 1668 MC IN 16766 28/12/43 (MOS)

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